



Newsletter

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Manager's Report—March 2024

THANK YOU!

Thank you Donnie Weathersby, for coming to work in the worst weather days to clear roads and keep water moving through the Highlands.

Eric Kolbe, happy one year anniversary at Cape George Colony Club. Your landscape work, eye for specific repairs and maintenance that need to be done throughout Cape George is noted and appreciated. Re-planting on the picnic lawn "lake" area, pool area cleaning, dead tree and brush removal are a few examples. Thank you!

Thank you to the Social Committee for hosting 83 guests at the St. Patrick's Day feast. Corn beef, yummy side dishes, and delicious St. Patty's Day desserts made a bountiful buffet for the festive crowd. Guinness was the most popular beer, by far! Thank you to everyone who helped host a great Cape George event and thank you to everyone who attended!

Thank you to Chuck Hommel and his merry pack of trail stewards: Patty Dunmire, Bernt Ericson, Brian Etscheid, Rick Kelley, Jim McCallum, and Peter Niles, who are back in action building the Victoria Loop/Marina trail and maintaining the Ravine and Huckleberry trails. The Steps they have built, and continue to maintain, on the steep trails have made nature more accessible and safer for Cape George walkers!

Thank you to Carol Chandler who reaches out to the new Cape George Members Welcoming them to the community with a welcome packet full of useful information for first-time residents!

Thank you Terri Brown and Sue Dunning for helping us to get up to speed on the newsletter production.

RESERVES

We are talking about our reserve funding plan and the bylaw which limits the increase of 2.5 per year without a vote of the membership. This will be on the election ballot in June 2024.

The Cape George Bylaws Article 111.B.1 states that the ... "reserve assessment may be increased each year." With out a vote of the members if it is not more than two-and one-half percent (2.5%) above reserve assessment for the previous year, with the actual amount determined by the board"

Most Cape George Members agree that the reserve funds for all three operation centers (general, water, and the marina) are currently underfunded. You will hear two or three recommended funding plans in the Study

Our Goal is to build the reserve funds so that the community can be maintained without having unexpected one-time special assessments to take care of the assets that everyone knows will need to be repaired and/or replaced over time.

Treasure Nancy Charpentier will present the proposed Reserve Bylaw Revision in the Board Meeting. If the Board approves a revision at the Board meeting, it will go to the membership for comment. If the board does not approve, a Special Meeting Scheduled to continue the discussion. Thank you so much to Nancy, Bart, John Strayer and the Finance Committee who have all worked to design, adjust, and engineer this proposal.

ON THE WATER FRONT

- The main water line flush has resolved most of the problems of discolored water. If you experience discolored water, please try flushing water through your outdoor water spigot or hoses. If the cold tap water continues to be cloudy or discolored, please contact the office and Donnie or Ken will take samples. Thank you for your cooperation and patience with this process.
- Most of the current residential water meters have been located and unburied. We are waiting for the water meter auto readers to be shipped. When they arrive, the installation will begin.
- We jumped the line for the 30-gallon filtration tanks. The Vendor is waiting for additional parts to complete the water system. When they are complete the tanks will be shipped and installed. Our best guess is late April.

BERM

It came to my attention that people have been crossing the berm near the clubhouse. Several paths (depressions) in the berm are growing. All Cape George members should be aware of the fragility of the berm and also know that the berm will need continuous funds for repair if people choose to talk over the berm.

People ask why we can't install a berm crossover by the clubhouse. We have looked into this, and it would be very expensive, require (costly) permits, and might even accelerate erosion due to the force of the tides.

We will all keep an open mind and if a solution seems feasible, please let me know!

BELOVED BARN

Management is not condemning the Barn. Management loves the Barn. Management wants the Barn to be safe and to limit the possibility of injury in the Barn. Please be patient as we evaluate the Barn, the state of disrepair it is in, and, with membership input, seek solutions to stabilize, renovate, or if the Cape George Members see fit, remove the barn.

POOL

The dehumidifier is repaired. Thank you, Mike Volkman and Donnie, for assisting in the most recent repair.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Susi Feller and Mark Thayer will conduct community meetings at the Clubhouse, to discuss homeowner

Preparedness for evacuation and sheltering in place if there is a community-wide emergency.

Tuesday, April 16:

4-5:30pm, The Highlands

6:30—8pm, All Members

PRESENTATION BY THE NW STRAITS FOUNDATION

In April, in conjunction with the Shoreline Stewardship Committee, the NW Straits Foundation will be onsite to do a low tide beach walk to look at our bluffs and share ideas with Cape George Members for protection the shoreline on the beach, and on residential properties on the top of the bluffs.

The time and date of this presentation will be announced shortly.

MAINTENANCE AND NOTES

- ◆ A rain gutter was installed at the Colony mail kiosk.
- ◆ Portable traffic barriers were purchased for the colony Mail driveways. Please be considerate of our Mail Carrier Ernie. He does a wonderful job and appreciates the community support.
- ◆ When packages are left at the mail kiosk in the open, they are from a carrier other than Ernie.
- ◆ Violation letters have been sent for illegal structures, unshaded night lights, dogs being off leash, and for rolling through a stop sign.

PROPOSALS

Top-Coat Pickleball Court resurface proposal—\$7750.00. The Water advisory committee will be testing main water pipes in different areas Cape George CC to determine pipe wear to better estimate replacement time frames. The attached proposal includes removal of two trees on the common area which will be removed by Cape George staff.

Thank you for everything you do to help make Cape George Colony Club a great place to live!

Marnie W. Levy

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PROPOSAL FOR BYLAW AND FIN04 RULE CHANGES

Submitted by the Board of Trustees for Membership Consideration and Comment

This proposal is presented to the Membership to address shortfalls in our Reserve funding. It is essential that diligence is exercised in the annual reviews of Reserves, and the next step will be to review our procedures and improve member participation in the final studies so a thorough financial review can be responsive should conditions change.

The following lists the details of the proposed changes, and this concludes with drafts of the actual amendments proposed to the Bylaws and FIN04 Rule themselves. The Bylaw change is being submitted to our attorneys for legal review to ensure the wording is in compliance with current laws, however the substance of the proposal will not be changed by any edits offered by the attorneys. We are proposing three changes:

Amend the Bylaw to adjust the base Assessment for Reserves to a fixed amount of \$586/member/year beginning in 2025. This represents an increase of \$23/month for each member over this year's rate of \$26/month. The total assessment beginning in 2025 will be just under \$49/month. Further amend the bylaw to raise the cap from 2.5% to 'up to 5%' in order to allow flexibility in keeping pace with inflation.

Allow some flexibility in the distribution method, and fix the net cash transfer into policy:

The Annual Assessment will continue to be distributed according to the Pro Rata method, which allows for flexibility when approved changes to the Reserve Study alter the proportionality of need.

Recognizing that priorities could require additional flexibility in revenue to individual funds, interest Income earned on Reserve Fund investments will be distributed according to the judgement of the Board, if priorities require a bump to certain funds.

Net Cash will be distributed to the Fund affiliated with the Operating Budget that produced it. This is our current practice, but it is not dictated by policy so this will formalize the net cash confirmed by our annual audits will be distributed by the amounts remaining in their respective operating budgets.

Information provided by Nancy Charpentier.

Rule Under Review

At the March Board Meeting, the Trustees directed the office to publish the proposed changes to Cape George By-Law and rule FIN04 for member comment. The following excerpts are the proposed changes and/or additions. Members wishing to provide comment should do so in writing to the office by Thursday, April 18, 2024

The following are the proposed changes to the ByLaw and Rule FIN04:

Bylaw Amendment Proposed:

ARTICLE III GOVERNING BODY

A. THE BOARD.

.....

B. POWERS OF THE BOARD.

The Board shall possess and

1) Payments, Charges, Fees and Assessments. The Board may impose and collect payments, charges, fees, and assessments for the use, rental, or operation of the Common Areas and for the Common Expense.....

In addition to this assessment for the regular operation and ordinary maintenance of the Club, there shall be an annual reserve assessment collected for the future maintenance, repair or replacement of all or a portion of the Common Areas as set forth in the Club’s then current reserve studies. The initial amount of this annual reserve assessment shall be \$180.00 per lot. The annual reserve assessment shall be allocated to reserves on a pro-rata basis using the Club’s then current individual professional reserve studies. **As of January 1, 2025, the Assessment amount for the Reserve funds is reset to \$586 per lot per year.** The Board of Trustees may increase the reserve assessment in future years by up to five percent (5.0%) above the reserve assessment for the previous year without a vote of the members, ~~with the actual amount determined by the Board.~~ [As Amended at the Special Board Meeting, December 09, 2014, and effective January 1, 2015, and further Amendment by a vote of the Membership July XX, 2024].

FIN04 Rule Change Proposed:

RESERVE FUNDS

The policy and procedures that follow are governed in part by RCW 64.38 (**The Homeowners’ Associations Act**) and **RCW 64.90 (Washington Common Interest Ownership Act)** as now enacted and as hereafter altered, amended or reenacted and all definitions and requirements are incorporated herein by this reference. Similarly, the bylaws of Cape George, especially Articles III, VIII and IX contain important budgetary and reserve references and are incorporated herein by reference. Guidance may also be sought in the requirements and pronouncements of the IRS, the AICPA and FIN 02.

Reserve funds are an essential element in the financial viability of Cape George Colony Club and are used to accumulate financial resources for future major repairs and replacements of existing assets. **Reserve funds can be used only for items designated in the reserve study, except as provided below.** The study is updated at least annually and reviewed as part of the annual budget.

1. The Reserve Study is a schedule of the major repair and replacement of capital assets within Cape George Colony Club.
2. Cape George currently maintains three distinct reserve funds, General, Water and Marina.
3. Reserve funds are provided through a combination of a routine reserve assessment, **and some, or all, of** the year-end operating cash excess (net income) from the respective operating cost centers. , and monies earned from Reserve fund investments.
4. At year end the annual reserve assessment is allocated to each fund on a pro-rata basis using the Club's then current individual professional reserve studies. , and based on the full funding recommendation for each of the funds. Following the annual audit, The operational cash excess is allocated **by formal action by the Board of Trustees** to each fund affiliated with the corresponding operating budget. Monies. Interest earned onfrom reserve funds investments are to be **accreted to the respective reserve fund** distributed among the funds according to the judgement and vote of the Board of Trustees.
5. Expenditures from reserve funds may only be made by an affirmative vote of the Members, except in the case of a bona fide emergency. The total cost of the reserve item or project shall be submitted for Member vote.
6. Reserve funds are intended for the major repair or replacement of existing assets and therefore minor repairs should not be funded with reserve funds.
7. The use of reserve funds for feasibility studies, plans and other up-front expenditures that do not result in major repairs or replacement of existing assets should be discouraged.
8. Reserve funds may not be used to acquire new capital assets nor shall they be used for funding shortfalls in other fiscal areas or general budgeted operating expenses, except in the case of a bona fide emergency or as permitted by statute.
9. Loans may be made from reserve funds but must be repaid within twenty-four months. Notice of such loans must be hand-delivered or sent by first-class USPS to each owner of record. Internal interest may be assessed at the discretion of the Board.
10. If reserve funds taken as a whole do not contain sufficient funds for the major repair or replacement of an existing asset, Members may be asked to fund an additional special assessment to cover unfunded costs. This however does not mean that each individual reserve study item must be fully funded in order to be replaced.
11. Upon membership approval by ballot initiative, a **Special Assessment fund** may be established to accumulate funds for future expansion, improvement or creation of new community facilities or infrastructure. Such fund must be based upon professionally-provided estimates of the cost of such improvements and must be presented to the Membership for a vote compliant with the voting standard presented in ByLaw Article VI, Paragraph 4, Section (e). The source of funds for such a special reserve should also be specified and may include any or all of the following

sources: general assessments, special assessments, fees, sale of Community property, and/or donations.

12. The **Operating Savings account**, or Operating Investment account, is **not** a reserve fund but rather an emergency operational fund. The account was established by a Member vote in 1996 and requires a minimum balance of \$100,000. Funds may be drawn for Board authorized purposes but must be repaid within twenty-four months and full disclosure must be included in the minutes.

13. In the event of a bona fide emergency, the Board may be required to authorize the expenditure of reserve account funds without seeking prior Member approval. A bona fide emergency shall be considered by the Board to be an event that is immediate or emergent in nature and was not reasonably foreseen or anticipated to occur during the current year.

Any revision to this policy must be published in the Newsletter prior to a hearing before the Board of Trustees held to validate and adopt the change.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees, August 10, 2006.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees, July 16, 2009

Ukulele Anyone?

If you play ukulele, join your neighbors and others at a fun ukulele jam being held twice a month in Cape George. Since June, Bobbie Hasselbring, who studies and plays with renowned ukulele teacher, Cali Rose, has led the PT Strummers, a ukulele group that enjoys playing together and improving their skills.

“We’re not a beginner’s group, but we welcome beginners,” says Bobbie. “We’re all committed to continuously learning and improving our playing and singing. We hope to get good enough to play around the community.”

Bobbie says one of the bonuses of the group has been getting to know more neighbors and develop deeper friendships. “We have a check-in at the beginning and then a break with snacks everyone brings, so we have some good conversations.”

The PT Strummers meet two times a month on Tuesday nights from 7-9 pm at 42 Quinault Loop. Bobbie provides electronic copies of songs and members bring their own instruments, music stands, and snacks to share. If you’d like to join the PT Strummers, contact Bobbie at 360-385-9046 or bjhasselbring@icloud.com.

Want to Learn Ukulele?

If you’re brand new to ukulele, Anne Weaver has formed the Slo Mo’s, a beginner’s ukulele group. Anne provides some basic instruction on chords, transitions, strumming, etc. The Slo Mo’s meet weekly on Wednesdays 2-3 pm. If you’re interested in learning to play the ukulele, contact Anne at 360-244-2762 or aewphoto221@icloud.com.

Letter from the President -

Welcome to a typical CG spring! A mix of rain, chill and warm sunny days await us—harbingers of a beautiful summer to come!

The Strategic Planning Committee will start to work on its written report to the Board in the next couple of months with a presentation targeted for June. The Committee focused heavily on emergency preparedness and communication during this first phase of planning and will continue its work beyond those areas in the future.

Marnie and I have talked about building a resource library for members and several books already have been ordered and should arrive shortly. As these resources come in, we'll let you know what they are and how you can access them. In addition, a member suggested we start a collection of tried and true local contractors. Many of us have found really good resources ranging from cleaning gutters and washing windows to home remodeling and landscaping. In the future, instead of having to ask neighbors who they've used, you'll be able to access recommendations from a list of resources compiled by satisfied CG customers. Once we've got a fill-in form for you to use, we'll let you know and you can help your neighbors by letting them know of your successes!

Finally, word has it that fun was had by all who attended the festive St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Lots of tasty corned beef, potatoes and sweet treats were enjoyed along with BYO beer and Irish whiskey. Thanks, once again, to the social committee for organizing yet another successful CG event!

Betsy

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Do you enjoy numerical representations of life at Cape George? Participating in evaluating budgets and financial reports that inform our fiscal health? How about creating or reviewing analyses that drive our finance practices and lead to sound fiscal policy? Coming up with creative solutions to financial dilemmas? Advising the Board on a host of issues that lead to sound policy and results? If any of these cause even a shimmer of a smile, then the Finance Committee might very well be a good fit for your volunteer spirit! There are a wide variety of skills that enhance community efforts, and we'd love to learn of yours.

If interested, please email our treasurer, Nancy Charpentier, at treasurer@capegeorge.org, and let us know of your finance experience and the kinds of activities you enjoy. We will get back to you quickly, and look forward to speaking with you!

CAPE GEORGE MARINA

What you Need to know about the Cape George Marina

The marina offers space for about 75 boats, mostly in the 15-25-foot range. It includes 2700 feet of dock space, parking, electrical and plumbing and crab/fish cleaning facilities. It is the only marina on Discovery Bay and the only one between Port Townsend and Sequim Bay.

Who pays for the marina? Boat owners pay 100 percent of the costs of the marina, including the annual dredging. In addition, boat owners pay a substantial portion of the salaries of the manager and other CG employees, and contributes annually to community reserves. The only exception is when the community faces a major problem such as the failure of the entrance seawall more than a decade ago. In that case, CG members voted to approve a special assessment to cover the costs of building a new seawall.

What's the budget? Marina costs are about \$70,000 per year. A third of that goes to help pay salaries of the manager and other employees, another third for repairs and maintenance, and the rest for electricity and incidental costs. Moorage fees raise about \$100,000, with the surplus going into reserves.

What does moorage cost? The moorage fee is \$43 per foot per year, which translates to about \$1,075 for a 25 foot boat. That's about a quarter of the cost of mooring at Boat Haven or other local marinas.

Why is it so cheap? Our overhead costs are minimal because we rely on volunteers for management and maintenance. In the first two months of 2024, volunteers recorded 787 hours of work, which would have cost about \$40,000 in another marina. It's also a tidal marina, which means it is inaccessible on low tides.

Are boat owners required to volunteer? The Marina Service Program, inaugurated this year, requires boaters to either volunteer some hours or pay higher moorage fees. And any member can join the can-do volunteers who meet at 9am every Tuesday.

I don't have a boat, so what's in it for me? There is no way to say precisely, but realtors agree that access to the marina adds to all Cape George property values. And the marina committee has been working to make the marina more available to kayakers and other members.

How is it managed? While the community is ultimately responsible, the marina is run by volunteers, including the harbormaster and marina chair. Volunteers meet Tuesday mornings and take on tasks such as repairs, dock maintenance and more. The marina committee meets monthly and is open to all members.

How do I get a boat in the marina? You sign up at the office for a specific sized boat, and pay a \$50 fee to get on the waiting list. The waiting list for large slips (25 feet and over) is longer than for smaller boats.

Is the marina an environmental problem? Not necessarily, but marinas can add to water pollution, largely due to inadvertent oil or paint spills. Cape George Marina prohibits spills, sanding and painting in the marina area, and we maintain oil booms and other equipment to minimize our exposure. Water quality is monitored by environmental officials.

What are the challenges facing the marina? The docks and pilings are more than 50 years old. The marina committee has considered replacing them, but the costs are prohibitive, so the decision has been made to maintain and improve the existing docks.

More questions? Contact Harbormaster Mike Thorwick, Marina Chair Craig Muma, or any member boat owner. Or attend the monthly meeting, 11 am the first Tuesday of each month in the clubhouse.

Soup Supper

Wednesday, April 3rd at 5:30



5:30 PM--Social & 6:00 PM--Soup

Bring a soup or dessert to share, your own dishes, and a beverage.

Bread and salad will be provided.

Your hosts: Chris & Bob Spall/Lori Cameron & Jon Karpilow



CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT

AT THE CLUBHOUSE

FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH, 2024

AT 6 P.M.

POPCORN WILL BE PROVIDED!

BYO BEVERAGE

AND COMFORTABLE CHAIR!

Cape George Board of Trustees

Two seats on the Cape George Board of Trustees are up for election this summer and the Nominating Committee is currently reaching out to residents from all neighborhoods of Cape George who might be interested in joining the Board of Trustees.

Being a part of this team is a critical role that shapes the future of Cape George, and it requires individuals with an open heart, important thinking skills, and a desire to collaborate. We encourage you to consider bringing your expertise, talents, and wisdom to the table.

Why Serve?

Cape George, with approximately 663 households, is a self-governing homeowners association overseen by a seven-member board. Trustees are unpaid and serve three-year terms. The sole prerequisite is to be a member in good standing; experience with other communities is a plus.

Effective boards are those that promote curiosity and adopt an abundance mindset while being responsible and maintaining good communication. By having a variety of perspectives and talents that are committed to reaching a consensus for the betterment of the community, Cape George can continue to thrive and grow.

Trustees generally take part in three or four meetings a month. While the work can be demanding, it is also very rewarding. Trustees make a difference in how our community works – from roads and grounds maintenance to operations of a marina and community water system.

Nomination forms are due by May 17th and are available on our website under Documents/ Membership Forms – Trustee Nomination Form. Ballots will be sent out in June, and results will be announced the Annual Membership meeting July 20, 2024.

For further information contact any member of the nominating committee or any current board member.

Nominating Committee: Dianne Tamblyn, Stan Russell, Gail Hotohkee, Mark Constanti, Lisa Palermo

Current Board Members: Betsy Coddington, Bart Mooyman-Beck, Nancy Charpentier, Pat Gulick, Mike Heckinger, Steve McFarland, Ray Pierson

THANK
you

THANK YOU to the folks who have been working to improve the stairs from Victoria Loop to Marina Drive. Significant progress made last year and now they are back at it! I believe they are called the

Trails Committee and they are doing Hard Labor. The stairs are much safer than in the past and another wonderful asset brought to us by us. Thanks to all those who volunteer in any capacity!
Ann Candioto

Saint Patrick's Day Dinner

The Cape George Social Club's St. Patrick's Day dinner was a huge success with 84 people in attendance! It takes a large team of volunteers to pull something like that together. Heartfelt thanks from the Social Club Leadership Team to those who helped every step of the way and to those who brought dessert, soda bread and corned beef to add to the feast. Thank you to Linda Mollino, Laura Hamilton, Carol Chandler, Jane Ludwig, Bobbie Hasselbring, Anne Weaver, Kathy Cuttiss, Jamie Pauley, Michael Volkman, Anne Jimenez, Pat Gulick, Marta Krissovich, Mark Scherting, Brian Ritchie, Ed Gee, Sue Gee, Mary Larson, Colleen Brady, Dianne Tamblyn, Elaine Sullivan, Robin Scherting, Drue Hartwell, Kris Easterday, Bianca Thayer, Diane Kochendorf, and Marnie Levy for their contributions!



Paperbacks

Children's books

DVDs/CDs

BOOK SALE

Sat. April 13, 2024

10am – 3pm
(9:30 for friends)

Friends of
Jefferson County Library

620 Cedar Ave.
Port Hadlock

Proceeds benefit the
Jefferson County Library



Are you doing Spring Cleaning?



Please bring those
stacks
of old magazines to
the

MAGAZINE SWAP


At the Colony Mailboxes

There is a Magazine Swap box at the Colony mailboxes – it’s around “back”, all the way to the west end, then around the corner to the pickleball side.

Please share your magazines, though of course, we don’t want trash: newspaper circulars, mass magazines like AARP (don’t we all get one?), religious tracts, or ancient mildewed issues of anything.

It’s a simple put-and-take system. I will periodically clean it up and take unwanted issues to Recycling. In the meantime, it’s a chance to try something new or score an old favorite – enjoy eye candy or indulge your compulsive reader.

Thanks, from your volunteer magazine queen, Ann Candioto



Cape George Social Committee Leadership Team

You're invited!

- Meet your neighbors
- Hear about activities for the year
- Be part of the planning!

Join Us at a Potluck Luncheon

April 11th

11:30am at the clubhouse

Bring a dish to share
and your utensils. Coffee, water &
lemonade will be provided.



Gardener's Group

Meeting once a month: Second Thursdays at the Clubhouse, from 3 to 5, bring your chosen beverage and let's hear what gardeners have to say. Landscape, flowers, veg, how to get the dirt from under your nails? Plant swap?

April 11, 2024 Clubhouse 3-5pm

First meeting. Please sign-up with your name, email and phone. See you there!

CPR AND FIRST AID CLASS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH

9-12pm

AT THE CLUBHOUSE

ALL STAFF AND CAPE GEORGE MEMBERS INVITED

NO TEST, NO FEE OR CARD

CLASS INCLUDES:

USE OF AED

“STOP THE BLEED”

TAUGHT BY EAST JEFFERSON COUNTY MEDICS AND FIREMEN

SPONSORED BY

EMERGENCY PREP. COMMITTEE OF CAPE GEORGE

PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE OFFICE

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND—LIMITED TO 60

Shoreline Stewardship and the Cape George Colony Club

The Shoreline Stewardship Committee was formed in Aug. 2023 to address specific issues along the 8,500 feet of the Cape George Colony Club shoreline. The mission of the Shoreline Stewardship Committee is to protect, enhance, and restore the ecological integrity of our coastal areas, while supporting the socioeconomic interests of local communities. The committee strives to strike a balance between environmental conservation, coastal resilience, and sustainable use of coastal resources by:

- a. Identifying Vulnerable Areas
- b. Implementing Conservation Strategies
- d. Enhancing Member Situational Awareness and Education
- e. Encouraging Compliance with Environmental Regulations
- f. Research and Monitoring

Current efforts to maintain, enhance and restore the local environment include: The Beach Berm Repair, now one of our regular annual projects. as the shoreline is very vulnerable, particularly during every storm season. Most damage from coastal erosion occurs at that time. Our nearest neighbor along the shore is Washington State. We are subject to their regulations and are responsible for any work we do along the shore or that negatively impacts it. We need to know what those regulations and responsibilities are, as well as how and where they apply.

The CGC Nearshore Habitat Restoration and Bioremediation Project includes the whole CGCC Shoreline and the natural drainage flowing into Discovery Bay including the ravine, and Memorial Park Beach.

The Cape George Shoreline Stewardship Committee is identifying grants and other sources to fund these ongoing and proposed projects. Early this year a team from the Northwest Strait Foundation will perform a site evaluation at the Beach Berm and marina. They will also visit Memorial Park Beach and the Ravine off Colman Road. We have arranged this meeting through the Shoreline Friendly Program in which representatives evaluate shoreline properties.

“The Shore Friendly Program offers free site visits to help shoreline property owners make informed decisions about vegetation, drainage, and soft shore approaches to reduce the potential for increased erosion. Additional assistance with design, permitting, and implementation of solutions is also available to qualified landowners through a cost-share program.

Refer to their [Shore Friendly Drainage Brochure](#) for more information on managing drainage.

Here are various resources to assist in your understanding of our program’s scope and general shoreline stewardship knowledge.

[Northwest Straits Foundation](#) Shore Friendly website

[Your Marine Waterfront](#) booklet

WA Department of Fish & Wildlife [Shore Friendly Website](#)

WSU [Shore Stewards Program Guide](#) for shoreline living

Mason County [Shore Friendly Monitoring Tips](#) for living in a dynamic marine environment



Greetings from the Cape George Community Pool

It's been a challenging month at the pool. The dehumidifier has failed and the pool room and changing rooms have been very humid, and the pool water has been chilly. We have managed to keep the pool open by

renting temporary dehumidifiers while we are waiting for parts to get our dehumidifier up and running. In the meantime, please continue swimming your laps and attending your exercise classes, and bring your family down for family swims.

We appreciate your patience and understanding.

On another note, two seats on the Cape Gorge Board of Trustees are up for election this summer. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Dianne Tamblyn for more information or go to the Cape George website under Documents/Membership Forms.

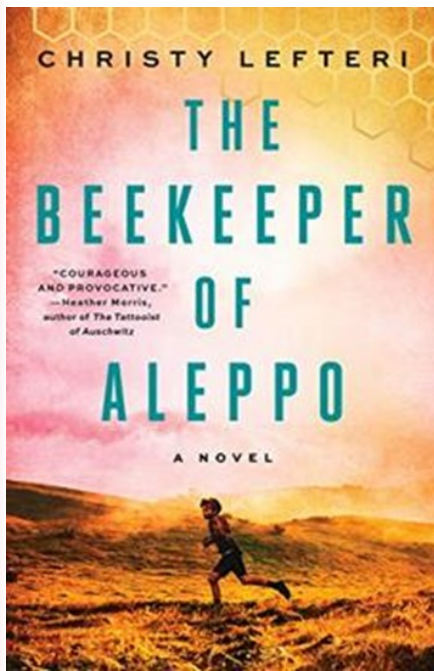
Your Pool Committee



Hilary Franz at the Clubhouse

Cape George University presents State Lands Commissioner **Hilary Franz**, who may well be our next member of Congress, **6:30 pm Tuesday, April 9, in the clubhouse**. Ms. Franz is a Democrat and former Bainbridge council member who was elected in 2016 to manage state lands. She had planned to run for governor, but switched to the congressional campaign when US Rep. Derek Kilmer decided not to run this year. Franz has been endorsed by Kilmer and other Democratic officials. She will speak briefly, then take questions. Refreshments afterwards. Open to all members.

Join us for Cape George University—April 9th, 2024, - 6pm— at the Clubhouse



The BeeKeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri

We live in a beautiful corner of the world. Now, imagine being caught up in a war here in Port Townsend. Imagine how you would try to continue to live in your home. Imagine making the gut-wrenching decision to leave. Imagine trying to decide where you would go to escape the horrors of the war.

The Beekeeper of Aleppo is the story of Nuri and his wife Afra who are forced to make unimaginable decisions when war invades their peaceful and beautiful community. Nuri is a beekeeper and every morning after morning prayers he tends his beehives in the Syrian countryside.

His wife Afra, an artist, sells her paintings in the market on weekends. Life is simple for them. They have friends and family and they love their way of life. Then war erupts and everything they love, their lifestyle, their home, and their family are destroyed. When a bomb explodes nearby killing their son, unimaginable grief and the trauma cause Afra to lose her eyesight. With much convincing, Nuri persuades Afra to flee Syria. Together they endure dangers and deceit as they journey through Turkey and Greece toward Great Britain where Nuri's cousin lives. Will they ever be able to regain the peaceful lifestyle they once knew and loved?

The Beekeeper of Aleppo is moving and beautifully written. Please attend the Book Club to discuss this powerful book.

This book is available for free on Libby.

Go to Libby at <https://libbyapp.com>

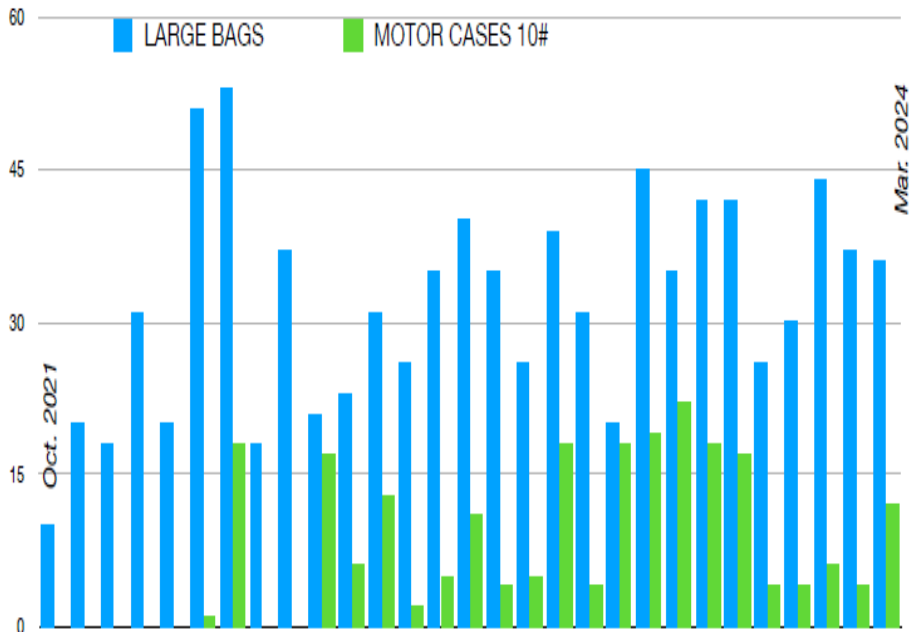
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EPS (STYROFOAM) COLLECTION & RECYCLING DATA



Port Townsend StyroCyclers

3/1/2024

Collections for East Jefferson County typically occur twice a month at Fort Worden and occasionally at other points such as Port Ludlow. In addition, they collect EPS (styrofoam) directly from high-volume customers, such as Jefferson Healthcare Hospital, local pharmacies, Quimper Mercantile, the Old Alcohol Plant, Frederickson Electric, Westside Marine as well as the Cape George neighborhood. We get lots of large EPS cases for outboard motors, which has increased our monthly volume considerably. All the EPS is shipped to Kent, WA by NW Harvest (thank you), where it is reprocessed into polystyrene ingots by Styro Recycle LLC. Also, they started collecting LDPE, a flexible type of foam last spring

EPS is collected and cached in large bags (3-ft diameter, 6-ft tall) that typically weigh 20-25 pounds. To convert bag volume (40 cu.ft) to weight, we use an average of 22.5 pounds per bag. Motor cases are about 10 pounds each, as are four large TV panel supports. For example, the most recent (March 1, 2024) shipment of 36 bags, 12 motor cases and other EPS weighed 930 pounds. Also, in June 2023 they started collecting low-density polyethylene (LDPE-4), which is commonly known as flexible foam, as well as packing peanuts for reuse. LDPE is cached in large bags that typically weigh 15 pounds each. LDPE is becoming common in the shipping industry. So far they have rescued 390 pounds of LDPE from a landfill destiny. Since their start in Oct. 2021, the PTStyroCyclers have shipped 23,668 pounds of EPS and LDPE for recycling.

EPS 22.5# BAGS	MOTOR CASES 10#	Other EPS 10#	LDPE-4 15#/bag
10			
20			
18			
31			
20			
51	1		
53	18		
18	0		
37	0		
21	17		
23	6		
31	13		
26	2		
35	5		
40	11		
35	4		
26	5		
39	18		
31	4		
20	18		1
45	19		3
35	22		2
42	18		3
42	17	3	3
26	4	7	3
30	4	1	2
44	6	12	3
37	4	0	3
36	12	0	3

Aver. shipped	31	10	4	2
Total shipped	923	228	23	26
Cumulative wt.	20,768	2,280	230	390
Total wt. (lbs)	23,668			

**2024 EMERGENCY PREPARATION FOR ALL MEMBERS
CASCADIA SUBDUCTION ZONE EARTHQUAKE**

Dear Neighbors,

We invite you to neighborhood preparation meetings regarding the Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake. Odds are you will survive the earthquake, but will you survive the aftermath?

Our goal is not only to make our neighbors aware of the need for preparation but also to give you a blueprint to become self-sufficient in the aftermath of a disaster.

There will be several meetings for different neighborhoods as outlined below. The meetings will be at the Clubhouse. If you cannot attend your neighborhood meeting then please choose another date. We will also conduct repeat sessions during the summer months.

The Highlands: April 16, 2024, 4-5:30pm.

Evening hours for anyone: 6:30 PM—8:00 PM

We look forward to your participation!

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**EAST JEFFERSON FIRE RESCUE
FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5TH AT 1:30PM**

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Jefferson County Public Health is pleased to announce an upcoming community training event focused on extreme heat and wildfire smoke safety. The training will take place on **April 10th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Finnriver Cider Garden**, located at 124 Center Road in Chimacum. **Admission is free**, and all members of the community are encouraged to attend.

With the increasing frequency and severity of extreme weather events, it is essential for individuals and families to be prepared and informed. This training will provide valuable information on how to stay safe during heatwaves and wildfire smoke events, particularly targeting outdoor workers, families and individuals without access to air conditioning or air filtering HVAC systems.

The event will feature expert speakers, including Dan Nelson from the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency, and Orly Stamfer, an Air Quality Specialist from the Washington State Department of Health, among others. Attendees can expect to learn practical tips and strategies for protecting themselves and their loved ones during challenging environmental conditions.

The training is co-sponsored by Jefferson County's Department of Emergency Management, emphasizing the collaborative effort to promote community resilience and safety. Don't miss this valuable opportunity to learn how to stay safe during extreme weather events. Mark your calendars for April 10th and join us at the Finnriver Cider Garden for an informative and engaging training session.

The Finn River taproom will be open for drinks but there is no food service on Wednesday evenings. Attendees are welcome to bring their own picnic or snacks. No outside beverages or alcohol is permitted.

For more information, please contact Lara Gaasland-Tatro with Jefferson County Public Health at lgaasland-tatro@co.jefferson.wa.us or call 360-385-9430.



Bunco Monday!!



Mark your calendars

**Monday, April 29th
1-3:00 pm @ Clubhouse**

Dice roll at 1:15

\$5 buy-in

BYOB & light snacks to share



Contact George or Marilee Martin
509-336-9914 or 509-336-9915

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The Meeting was called to order by Board President Betsy Coddington at 3:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Betsy Coddington, Nancy Charpentier, Ray Pierson, Mike Heckinger, Steve McFarland, Bart Mooyman-Beck. Absent, Pat Gulick.

Also Present: Marnie Levy, General Manager, Roseann Warner, Office Administrator, and members on Zoom.

Letters from Members – Ben Fellows, regarding reserve bylaw change and Dianne Tamblyn, Nominating Committee.

Action in Minutes – Betsy Coddington.

Motion to approve the minutes February 23, 2024, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes. Pat Gulick made a motion to approve, Ray Pierson seconded. 6/0

Motion to approve the March 6, 2024, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes from the Special Meeting, *Pat Gulick made the motion to approve, Ray Pierson seconded. 6/0*

Manager's Report—see front page

Treasurer's Report – Nancy Charpentier

COMMENTS ON FEB. 2024 FINANCIALS

Balance Sheet

Being just two months into the year there's not a lot of activity on which to report, however the comparison to 2023 does reflect the increases this year to the water and marina fees as well as timing differences from budgeted vs actual expenses.

Income Statement

Overall observation:

We are processing on budget, and only 2 months in we do have some variances in actual expenditures compared to budget which will come together as the year progresses. For items such as supplies and small tools we have an annual budget which is just split evenly over 12 months, but the actual purchase activity will result in some months being over budget, others under. So far there are no red flags in our expenditures that are cause for concern when compared to the budget for the year.

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General Operations:

We are proceeding on budget, with the actual fluctuating in some areas as noted above, but nothing to report yet in terms of excess expenditures.

Water Operations

Revenue compared to last year reflects the 20% increase in user fees that was initiated in February. We do anticipate greater expenditures this year than last with regards to supplies and contracted services, however those were budgeted, and we'll be watching those expenditures carefully as the year progresses.

Marina Operations

A Reminder that the Marina revenue is booked as it is received for the year, so as the payments conclude in March the revenue from Moorage and Parking should catch up to budget. The Variance from last year is in line with the increase in Marina user fees that began this year.

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As of Feb 29, 2024									
Balance Sheet as of February 29, 2024 and February 29, 2023 - Preliminary Subject to Audit									
Assets		2024	2023		Liabilities and Fund Balances		2024	2023	
Cash and Cash Equivalents:					Current Liabilities:				
Operations Checking & Petty Cash	\$	255,006	\$ 281,053	-9%	Accounts Payable & Other Liabilities	\$	16,144	\$ 11,567	40%
Operating Savings & ICS		250,948	250,416	0%	Prepaid Income		44,126	43,248	2%
Reserves - General, Water & Marina		1,587,528	1,378,286	15%	Unearned Income, Marina Wait List		3,850	4,600	-16%
Total Cash & Equivalents		2,094,382	1,909,755	10%	Total Current Liabilities		64,120	59,416	6%
Net Accounts Receivable	\$	29,446	\$ 6,163	376%	FUND BALANCES:				
Total Net Fixed Assets		1,610,948	1,605,201	0%	Fund Balances & Equity (Combined)		3,509,172	3,323,746	6%
Total Prepaid & Other Assets		22,804	19,027	20%	Modified Cash Basis Income		184,287	157,005	17%
TOTAL ASSETS		\$3,757,579	\$3,540,166	6%	TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		\$ 3,757,579	\$ 3,540,167	6%
Summary Revenue and Expense Statements for the periods ended February 29, 2024 and February 29, 2023 (Modified cash basis, excludes depreciation)									
Preliminary Subject to Audit									
2024 Year to Date - Unaudited					Comparative - Unaudited				
	Actual	Budget	Variance	%	2024 YTD	2023 YTD**	Variance	%	
General									
General Assessment	\$ 93,289	\$ 93,290	\$ (1)	0%	General Assessment	\$ 93,289	\$ 86,378	\$ 6,911	8%
Revenue - All Other Sources	1,641	1,629	11	1%	Revenue - All Other Sources	1,641	3,025	(1,385)	-46%
Total General Revenue	94,930	94,919	10		Total General Revenue	94,930	89,403	5,527	
Expenses:									
Salaries, Benefits, PR Tax	22,909	25,692	2,783	11%	Salaries, Benefits, PR Tax	22,909	19,912	(2,997)	-15%
Repairs & Maintenance	4,077	3,250	(827)	-25%	Repairs & Maintenance	4,077	5,328	1,251	23%
Contracted Services	8,910	12,667	3,756	30%	Contracted Services	8,910	10,348	1,438	14%
Pool Expense & Utilities	5,399	4,703	(696)	-15%	Pool Expense & Utilities	5,399	4,000	(1,399)	-35%
Utilities & Insurance	6,281	7,226	945	15%	Utilities & Insurance	6,281	6,233	(48)	-1%
Other Expenses (incl taxes)	7,102	4,517	(2,585)	-57%	Other Expenses (incl taxes)	7,102	4,010	(3,092)	-77%
Total General Expenses	54,678	58,055	3,376		Total General Expenses	54,678	49,831	(309)	
General Net Income	\$ 40,251	\$ 36,865	\$ 3,387	9%	General Net Income	\$ 40,251	\$ 39,572	\$ 679	>-100%
Water									
Revenue - Water Use Fees	\$ 69,189	\$ 68,936	\$ 253	0%	Revenue - Water Use Fees	\$ 69,189	\$ 57,341	\$ 11,848	21%
Revenue - All Other Sources	3,032	5,000	(1,968)	-39%	Revenue - All Other Sources	3,032	2,787	245	9%
Total Water Revenue	72,221	73,936	(1,715)		Total Water Revenue	72,221	60,128	12,093	
Expenses:									
Salaries, Benefits, PR Tax	13,548	13,321	(226)	-2%	Salaries, Benefits, PR Tax	13,548	9,940	(3,608)	-36%
Repairs & Maintenance	843	1,000	157	16%	Repairs & Maintenance	843	11	(832)	-7561%
Contracted Services	6,010	11,932	5,922	50%	Contracted Services	6,010	3,178	(2,832)	-89%
Utilities & Insurance	3,803	5,817	2,014	55%	Utilities & Insurance	3,803	4,328	525	12%
Other Expenses (incl taxes)	244	6,272	6,028	96%	Other Expenses (incl taxes)	244	5,203	4,959	95%
Total Water Expenses	24,448	38,342	13,894		Total Water Expenses	24,448	22,660	(1,788)	
Water Net Income	\$ 47,773	\$ 35,594	\$ 12,179	34%	Water Net Income	\$ 47,773	\$ 37,468	\$ 10,305	28%
Marina									
Revenue - Moorage/Parking	\$ 91,279	\$ 96,400	\$ (5,122)	-5%	Revenue - Moorage/Parking	\$ 91,279	\$ 74,816	\$ 16,463	22%
Revenue - All Other Sources	14,885	30,452	(24,567)	-62%	Revenue - All Other Sources	14,885	15,215	(330)	-2%
Total Marina Revenue	106,164	135,852	(29,688)		Total Marina Revenue	106,164	90,031	16,133	
Expenses:									
Salaries, Benefits, PR Tax	4,169	4,441	273	6%	Salaries, Benefits, PR Tax	4,169	3,335	(834)	-25%
Repairs & Maintenance	24	3,000	2,976	99%	Repairs & Maintenance	24	777	753	0%
Contracted Services	1,717	3,542	1,824	52%	Contracted Services	1,717	1,318	(399)	-30%
Utilities & Insurance	2,892	2,826	(67)	-2%	Utilities & Insurance	2,892	3,809	917	24%
Other Expenses (incl taxes)	910	1,354	443	33%	Other Expenses (incl taxes)	910	829	(81)	-10%
Total Marina Expenses	9,713	15,162	5,449		Total Marina Expenses	9,713	10,068	355	
Marina Net Income	\$ 96,451	\$ 120,690	\$ 24,239	20%	Marina Net Income	\$ 96,451	\$ 79,963	\$ 16,488	21%
Net Income/Loss from Combined Operations, No Reserve Activity					Net Income/Loss from Combined Operations, No Reserve Activity				
	\$ 184,475	\$ 193,149	\$ (8,674)	-4%		\$ 184,475	\$ 157,003	\$ 27,472	17%
Reserve Activity									
Routine Reserve Assessment	51,305	51,305	-	0%	**Reserve Activity				
Reserve Interest - all **	5,024	-	5,024	#DIV/0!	Routine Reserve Revenue	51,305	49,981	(1,324)	3%
Less: Reserve Offset***	-	-	-		Reserve Interest - all	5,024	524	(4,500)	>100%
Net Reserve Activity	\$ 56,329	\$ 51,305	\$ 5,024	10%	Gross Reserve Activity	\$ 56,329	\$ 50,505	\$ (5,824)	12%

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As of JAN 31, 2024							
Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2024 and 2023 - Preliminary Subject to Audit							
Assets	2024	2023		Liabilities and Fund Balances	2024	2023	
Cash and Cash Equivalents:				Current Liabilities			
Operations Checking & Petty Cash	\$ 274,770	\$ 293,771	-6%	Accounts Payable & Other Liabilities	\$ 13,220	\$ 12,573	5%
Operating Savings & ICS	225,953	250,392	-10%	Prepaid Income	41,200	37,718	9%
Reserves - General, Water & Marina	1,586,461	1,377,562	15%	Unearned Income, Marina Wait List	3,850	5,000	-23%
Total Cash & Equivalents	2,067,184	1,921,665	9%	Total Current Liabilities	58,270	55,291	5%
Net Accounts Receivable	\$ 43,153	\$ 21,198	104%	FUND BALANCES:			
Total Net Fixed Assets	1,610,948	1,605,201	0%	Fund Balances & Equity (Combined)	3,508,180	3,322,962	6%
Total Prepaid & Other Assets	25,557	23,465	9%	Modified Cash Basis Income	200,393	193,276	4%
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,766,842	\$3,571,529	5%	TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$ 3,766,842	\$ 3,571,529	5%

Summary Revenue and Expense Statements for the periods ended January 31, 2024 and 2023 (Modified cash basis, excludes depreciation)
Preliminary Subject to Audit

	2024 Year to Date - Unaudited				Comparative - Unaudited			
	Actual	Budget	Variance	%	2024 YTD	2023 YTD**	Variance	%
General								
General Assessment	\$ 93,289	\$ 93,290	(1)	0%	\$ 93,289	\$ 96,378	\$ 3,089	-3%
Revenue - All Other Sources	1,120	815	306	38%	1,120	2,510	(1,390)	-55%
Total General Revenue	94,409	94,105	305		94,409	88,888	5,521	
Expenses:								
Salaries, Benefits, PR Tax	12,739	12,846	108	1%	12,739	9,672	(2,867)	-29%
Repairs & Maintenance	2,921	1,833	(1,087)	-59%	2,921	2,547	(374)	-15%
Contracted Services	2,580	6,333	3,754	59%	2,580	5,463	2,883	53%
Pool Expense & Utilities	1,935	2,143	208	10%	1,935	2,119	184	9%
Utilities & Insurance	2,737	3,613	876	24%	2,737	3,167	430	14%
Other Expenses (incl taxes)	5,481	2,258	(3,223)	-143%	5,481	1,853	(3,628)	-196%
Total General Expenses	28,392	29,027	635		28,392	25,021	(3,371)	
General Net Income	\$ 66,017	\$ 65,077	\$ 940	-1%	\$ 66,017	\$ 63,867	\$ 2,150	>-100%
Water								
Revenue - Water Use Fees	\$ 69,189	\$ 68,936	\$ 253	0%	\$ 69,189	\$ 57,341	\$ 11,848	21%
Revenue - All Other Sources	2,210	5,000	(2,790)	-56%	2,210	2,787	(577)	-21%
Total Water Revenue	71,399	73,936	(2,537)		71,399	60,128	11,271	
Expenses:								
Salaries, Benefits, PR Tax	6,368	6,661	293	4%	6,368	4,937	(1,431)	-29%
Repairs & Maintenance	843	500	(343)	-40%	843	-	(843)	#DIV/0!
Contracted Services	3,913	5,966	2,053	34%	3,913	2,646	(1,267)	-48%
Utilities & Insurance	1,272	2,908	1,636	56%	1,272	2,289	1,017	44%
Other Expenses (incl taxes)	123	5,159	5,037	98%	123	1,151	1,028	89%
Total Water Expenses	12,519	21,194	8,675		12,519	11,023	(1,496)	
Water Net Income	\$ 58,880	\$ 52,742	\$ 6,139	12%	\$ 58,880	\$ 49,105	\$ 9,775	20%
Marina								
Revenue - Moorage/Parking	\$ 69,885	\$ 67,480	\$ 2,405	4%	\$ 69,885	\$ 70,374	\$ (489)	-1%
Revenue - All Other Sources	10,575	27,091	\$ (16,516)	-61%	10,575	14,465	(3,890)	-27%
Total Marina Revenue	80,460	94,571	(14,111)		80,460	84,839	(4,379)	
Expenses:								
Salaries, Benefits, PR Tax	2,137	2,221	84	4%	2,137	1,656	(481)	-29%
Repairs & Maintenance	-	1,500	1,500	100%	-	105	105	0%
Contracted Services	749	1,771	1,021	58%	749	671	(78)	-12%
Utilities & Insurance	922	1,413	491	35%	922	1,964	1,042	55%
Other Expenses (incl taxes)	894	677	(218)	-22%	894	136	(758)	-556%
Total Marina Expenses	4,702	7,581	2,879		4,702	4,532	(170)	
Marina Net Income	\$ 75,758	\$ 86,990	\$ (11,232)	-13%	\$ 75,758	\$ 80,307	\$ (4,549)	-6%
Net Income/Loss from Combined Operations, No Reserve Activity	\$ 200,655	\$ 204,809	\$ (4,154)	-2%	\$ 200,655	\$ 193,279	\$ 7,376	4%
Reserve Activity								
Routine Reserve Assessment	51,305	51,305	-	0%	51,305	49,981	(1,324)	3%
Reserve Interest - all **	-	5,024	(5,024)	-100%	-	789	789	>100%
Less: Reserve Offset***	(51,379)	(51,305)	(74)		(51,379)	(49,981)	1,398	
Net Reserve Activity	\$ (74)	\$ 5,024	\$ (5,098)	-101%	\$ (74)	\$ 789	\$ 863	-109%

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New Members – Pedro de Arteaga and Shelia St. Thomas, 190 S Palmer
Brian and Melody Barr, 450 Saddle
Jerry Lile, 171 Hemlock

Member Participation:

Ray Pierson, Board Member stated that he has information about a new type of septic system, If any member is interested in learning more, please contact Ray Pierson at rapierson344@gmail.com.

Motions for consideration were discussed on March 29, 2024, Study Session.

Motion 1. To approve, and publish in the April newsletter for member comment, the Proposal for By-law Change Regarding Reserves for Membership comment in April, and to be discussed and acted on in the April Board meeting.

Nancy Charpentier made the motion to approve, Mike Heckinger seconded. 6/0

Motion 2. To allow some marina members to submit registration with “Additional Interest,” as opposed to “Additional Insured.” *Mike Heckinger contacted those marina members. Motion withdrawn.*

Motion 3. Motion to revise marina Dock Replacement Component. Motion *tabled* until more details about the specific replacement motion and cost can be provided.

Motion 4. Motion to acquire a professional structure report of the Red Barn. *Bart Mooyman-Beck made a motion to approve, Pat Gulick seconded. 6/0*

Motion 5. To approve Topcoat proposal to resurface the pickleball court at a cost of \$7,750.00 plus tax. *Nancy Charpentier made the motion to approve, Mike Heckinger seconded. 6/0*

Motion 6. Should proposal to remove a section of water main pipe estimate \$5,570.00 to remove 15' AC Main Water pipe for evaluation. *Bart Mooyman-Beck made the motion to approve, Ray Peirson seconded. 6/0*

Committee Reports: The following committee reports were submitted to the Board of Trustees:

Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes, Feb.13,2024

Marina Committee Meeting Minutes, Feb. 06,2024

Pool Committee Meeting Minutes March 05,2024

Shoreline Stewards March 2024

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Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes, Feb. 5, Feb. 28, March 11, 2024
These reports are attached and incorporated by reference.

Announcements

Mon., April 1, the member quarterly assessment is due.

Mon., April 22, 3 p.m., Study Session

Thurs., April 25, 3 p.m., Board of Trustees Meeting

Adjournment: *Nancy Charpentier made the motion to Adjourn, Bart Mooyman-Beck seconded. 5/0*

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Pat Gulick, Secretary

Betsy Coddington, President

CG Building and Roads Committee Minutes

January 5, 2024

In Attendance: George Martin, *Dave* Baker, Jeff Cullum, Betsy Coddington, and CG Manager Marnie Levy

Discussed a building permit for a new home on Pine Drive. Approved and signed the appropriate permit applications (Building, Earthworks, and Driveway).

Discussed a build on Victoria Loop; A Blue Card (CG Building Permit) was not issued and filled out properly. The Manager will contact the owner and we will schedule the appropriate inspections to bring the project current.

Discussed time limits on permits. Currently no Cape George Permits have expiration times. In addition, all the permit forms state that they are applications. The only permit is the Building Permit (Blue Card) BG01b. It was recommended that the language be changed to add an expiration date and change verbiage to eliminate appli-

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cation on Earthworks and Driveway Connections. The other option would be to create additional permit forms for Earthworks and Driveway Connections.

Time limit restrictions on Building Permits and Driveway Connection Permits would be 1 year renewable at the member's request. Earthworks would have a specific estimated completion date after which they would expire and require a new permit application.

Besty submitted to the committee questions from Strategic Planning. Members discussed them with her. There is additional time for members to submit more answers to the questionnaire to her.

The manager brought up some road damage near 188 S Rhododendron and wondered if the cause was construction or installation of electrical conduit under the roadway.

George investigated the condition and it was determined that roots were the cause of the damage. It was recommended that Donnie cut the roots in the culvert area to prevent further growth and damage to the road. The roadway would be investigated at a later date to see what, if any, repairs are needed.

Meeting Notes_1-8-24_CG Strategic Planning Committee

Present: Marnie Levy (Cape George manager), Linda Mollino (temporary chair) Judy Caruso, Betsy Coddington, Susi Feller, Mary Larson (secretary)

Marty Gilmore, Committee Chair, had an excused absence so Linda Mollino chaired the meeting.

BARN: Tour tentatively scheduled for 3:00 on January 29.

MEETING NOTES: From 11-27-23 were approved.

ASSIGNMENTS: Reminder to complete interviews with committee chairs and provide

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write-ups. Linda shared from her notes about the fitness center and the social club; Susi shared briefly about the pool.

COMMUNICATION TO BOARD: We discussed how we will present our findings and recommendations to the board; no decisions were reached.

FACILITIES: We discussed an idea that the Board host an information session or sessions to talk about the Firehouse and to solicit input from the community about its future use. Betsy confirmed that the current lease is up in July 2025. Marnie will look for the contract and contact person.

An informational meeting about the Barn may also be useful to the community to solicit input.

We may want to prepare a list of community property where buildings could be relocated or added to. It would be a helpful base for considering options for facilities currently along the shoreline.

COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS: We reviewed the reasons for having good contact information for all owners and residents/renters. Marnie will ask legal advice about developing an opt-in system for members to choose, such as for the directory, the welcome committee, newsletter, email blasts about emergencies, email blasts about events. Marnie shared that the email blasts currently go out to 880 emails; these include people who are not members of Cape George. The email is not limited to residents.

2024 COMMITTEE MEETING DATES (all are Mondays, 3:00- 5:00 pm, upstairs room):

January 29 (Board meetings are January 22 and 25)

February 5 and 26 (Board meetings are February 20 and 23)

March 4 and 18 (Board meetings are March 25 and 28)

April 1, 15, and 29 (Board meetings are April 22 and 25)

May 6 and 13 (Board meetings are May 20 and 23)

(Goal is to have final report ready for the Board's June meeting)

June 3 (Board meetings are June 24 and 27)

Notes submitted by Mary Larson

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C.G. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 9:15 on Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE: Diane Boushek, Chris Buzzard, Lori Cameron, Sue Dunning, Anne Jimenez, Marnie Levy, Steve McDevitt, Ruth Ross

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chris Buzzard called the meeting to order at 9:15am.
- II. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES:** The minutes had already been approved via email and submitted to the Board.
- III. FISCAL REPORT:** Current balance (which includes \$200 still to be deposited): \$3352.78
- IV. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. Feedback from the Halloween party.** A report providing feedback from the 2023 Halloween party was distributed with the agenda and discussed during the meeting (see attached). One of the main lessons was that more help should be recruited next time since a fairly small number of people did most of the work. Also earlier and more frequent publicity is needed to encourage early ticket purchases to provide a better idea of how much food will be needed.
 - B. Programs for the spring.** Chris will follow-up with Steve King, Director of Public Works for Port Townsend, about doing a climate change presentation after work on his house is completed. We discussed showing the film *My Octopus Teacher*, and possibly inviting someone from PTMSC to give an accompanying talk in the spring. We will also reach out to Varn Brooks to see if he could do a wildlife slide talk, perhaps in June.
- V. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Shoreline Stewardship Committee:** Steve McDevitt gave a summary of the efforts underway to obtain expert advice and grants to help with shoreline habitat restoration. They are also looking into the possibility of installing a bioswale in Memorial Park and obtaining a permit to repair the culvert, as there is runoff from Colman to the Bay. Steve also noted the need to organize a berm maintain/repair work party and will let the environmental committee know when to notify our members of the need for volunteers. Attached is a copy of the article that Steve provided in the March 2024 CG Newsletter, which provides a detailed summary of the information he shared.
 - B. Strategic Committee Survey:** The committee discussed how we should answer the questions in this survey concerning the Environmental Committee. We will revisit this topic at the next meeting.
 - C. Who We Are and What We Do:** The updated draft of this article about the environmental committee was discussed. We will consider how this report should be shared with the community at our next meeting.
 - D. Plaque at Memorial Park:** Efforts continue by Richar Van De Mark to develop a plan for restoring or replacing the Plaque.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

Respectfully Submitted
Ruth Ross
Secretary
Cape George Environmental Committee

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Notes from the Halloween/Environmental Committee Annual Fundraiser

Ticket sales: \$5.00per ticket

Sold 90-100 tickets in 2023 with an additional 12 kids attending for free.

Advertising began in the September newsletter with follow-up in the October newsletter.

A reminder email blast was also sent out closer to the party.

Perhaps better and more frequent advertising would help sell tickets ahead of time.

Problem: people do not adequately respond to the request to buy tickets in advance, which leaves the committee guessing about how much food to buy.

Food and drinks: Hot dogs and a vegetarian alternative are served. Apple cider and water need to be served also. Remind, in the advertising, that those attending should bring a side dish for the buffet.

REMEMBER: A PA system is needed for announcements.

Music: Music was great. Be sure to have someone do the music. Confusion over whether/when the Dancing Witches would dance.

Staffing: In general, more help is needed. A few people did most of the work.

Staffing Needs:

Ticket taker

Kitchen staff of 4 people cooking, serving, and keeping an eye on the buffet. They should keep a few dishes back for those at the end of the line.

Someone to manage the 50-50 raffle

CLEANUP HELPERS ARE GREATLY NEEDED.

A small group to judge the costumes, food and jack o lanterns.

In 2023 there was only one jack- o-lantern and just a few scary food items.

RAFFLE: The 50-50 raffle needed a lot of explaining and as well as encouragement to participate. We need a better way to explain the raffle and to sell the tickets.

Costumes: Lots of people wore costumes. A few people from the committee are the judges. Should we offer prizes like cash or gift certificates?

The party seemed to be well-received by the community while making a nice amount of money for the committee.

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Shoreline Stewardship and the Cape George Colony Club

The Shoreline Stewardship Committee was formed in Aug. 2023 to address specific issues along the 8,500 feet of the Cape George Colony Club shoreline. The mission of the Shoreline Stewardship Committee is to protect, enhance, and restore the ecological integrity of our coastal areas, while supporting the socioeconomic interests of local communities. The committee strives to strike a balance between environmental conservation, coastal resilience, and sustainable use of coastal resources by:

- a. Identifying Vulnerable Areas
- b. Implementing Conservation Strategies
- d. Enhancing Member Situational Awareness and Education
- e. Encouraging Compliance with Environmental Regulations
- f. Research and Monitoring

Current efforts to maintain, enhance and restore the local environment include: The Beach Berm Repair, now one of our regular annual projects. as the shoreline is very vulnerable, particularly during every storm season. Most damage from coastal erosion occurs at that time. Our nearest neighbor along the shore is Washington State. We are subject to their regulations and are responsible for any work we do along the shore or that negatively impacts it. We need to know what those regulations and responsibilities are, as well as how and where they apply.

The CGC Nearshore Habitat Restoration and Bioremediation Project includes the whole CGCC Shoreline and the natural drainage flowing into Discovery Bay including the ravine, and Memorial Park Beach.

The Cape George Shoreline Stewardship Committee is identifying grants and other sources to fund these ongoing and proposed projects. Early this year a team from the Northwest Strait Foundation will perform a site evaluation at the Beach Berm and marina. They will also visit Memorial Park Beach and the Ravine off Colman Road. We have arranged this meeting through the Shoreline Friendly Program in which representatives evaluate shoreline properties.

"The Shore Friendly Program offers free site visits to help shoreline property owners make informed decisions about vegetation, drainage, and soft shore approaches to reduce the potential for increased erosion. Additional assistance with design, permitting, and implementation of solutions is also available to qualified landowners through a cost-share program.

Refer to their [Shore Friendly Drainage Brochure](#) for more information on managing drainage.

Here are various resources to assist in your understanding of our program's scope and general shoreline stewardship knowledge.

[Northwest Straits Foundation](#) Shore Friendly website

[Your Marine Waterfront](#) booklet

WA Department of Fish & Wildlife [Shore Friendly Website](#)

WSU [Shore Stewards Program Guide](#) for shoreline living

Mason County [Shore Friendly Monitoring Tips](#) for living in a dynamic marine environment

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*Mason County Shore Friendly Program's list of Pacific Northwest native plants for marine shorelines
Vegetation Management guide for Puget Sound bluff property owners"*

Whether you are a beach comber, dog walker you can contribute by observing the shoreline while walking, and if you see something of concern, please report it to Stephen McDevitt at geronimo6930@gmail.com

Volunteering for these projects is interesting, exciting, and personally rewarding. If you would like to join in the fun, please contact Steve at 347-607-1094.

Future Projects include:

The annual Beach Berm repair and maintenance work party,

Retrieval of derelict crab pots, and Mapping Bull Kelp Beds in Discovery Bay.

April Fitness Center News

Fantastic news! Congratulations on the successful fundraising effort for the Fitness Center. We raised \$5200 from over 60 households and had a terrific turnout at the Open House and Social event. It's great to see the community coming together to support such an important amenity. Providing opportunities for people to prioritize their health and fitness is invaluable. And what's wonderful is that there's still an option for those who missed contributing in February. Envelopes have been left at the Fitness Center for those needing one. You may drop it off at the office. Our committee is currently prioritizing our needs to decide how to best use our funds. Our repair/service man has ordered a new motor for the treadmill that is down. Hopefully that will do the trick. If not, we will be purchasing a replacement. We'll keep you posted about purchases as they happen.

We recently brought back a program: "Adopt a Machine." That consists of signing up for a machine and wiping it down thoroughly every couple of weeks. While users are expected to clean seats and handles after each use, other parts can and do collect dirt and grime. One comment we often hear from visitors is how clean our gym is. However, there are still some stations that need help. A sign-up sheet is available by the cleaning station. If, by chance, you notice a problem with a machine, please leave a note in the suggestion box with your name and number. If you consider it hazardous, please notify the office. We so appreciate your help.

We recently had a short taste of *Spring*. Everyone was ready to throw open their doors and windows and get outside. People were out walking and talking, biking and playing pickleball, boats taken out of mothballs, people were energized. A recent article in CR health magazine referred to the importance of recognizing the link between exercise and mental health. Exercise releases endorphins in the brain. However it can be so hard to get started and yet, so satisfying when we accomplish adding it to our day.

In our climate it is at times difficult to go out in the wind and rain. ENTER stage right: our Little Gym that could! We are so fortunate to have a space designed to help avoid the weather conditions and yet meet our goals. We can work out with friends or make new ones, meet neighbors or simply listen to our iPod music, read our books-on-tape, or just enjoy the quiet. And all the time we can enjoy one of the finest views anywhere.

It may seem at times that the weather has switched back to winter during this early Spring, but don't despair. Join us at the Fitness Center, take a dip in the pool, and cast off those doldrums.

See you at the Fitness Center!
Submitted for the Fitness Committee
by Phyllis Ballough, member



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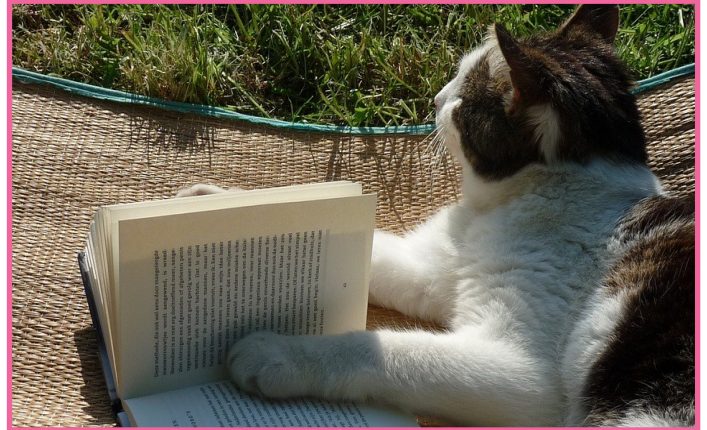
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