

Communications Chair Committee Report July 2012

I may not make the meeting (my apologies). We were offered a free place to stay at the beach, and I am taking my family for a half week. We expect to return on Wed evening, but I am not sure what time.

Accomplishments

- Continued with site design. Still adjusting navigation, adding content, and adding photos.
- Added 1 article on rafters, and I have a few more to add including butterfly garden, side porch progress, storm damage, joust, and kayak winner.
- Sent out one small email announcement via Vertical Response
 - Security Alert
- From 6/14 - 7/14 the site had been visited 198 times by 165 individual people.
- Started to add Garden Blog content to Goshen site. Garden page has been updated to include information and several posts. Garden Posts prior to 2012 still need to be imported. I reached out to Nicole and she shared a large amount of content with me to post up, including several photos that will be uploaded into albums.
- Several photo albums have been uploaded including 2006, 2007, 2008 and historic photos.
- Added the last 12 months of Meeting Minutes, Committee Reports and Garden Reports to the website for all to view.

Planned activities or undertakings

- To create a member registration page on the site that accepts PayPal based on the meeting held on 5/10/12 with Karen Bailey, Rebecca Benner, Barbara Morgan and myself. This will be the most difficult part of the overall website project.
- Continue to "polish" the website to a completed state (15+ days)
- Continue to add content submitted from other Goshen Members to the Blog and Social Media
- Continue to send out announcements and emails as needed.
- Merge the Sharing Garden's Blog to the Goshen Website (goshenfarm.org/sharinggarden)
- Convert the Sharing Garden Facebook Page to the official Goshen Farm facebook page (toward the end of the summer)
- To create "Lists" within Vertical Response that are more usable and contain more member detail

- Address the fact that some members are not getting email updates.

- I did not get in contact with Bay Weekly about the Joust. If we have a press contact list please share it with me.

The site content has been copied and pasted for the most part. In the next month or so, we should review the text and make adjustments as needed. I did remove the text concerning members attending monthly meetings, but need something official about Monthly Meetings, Quarterly Member Meetings, and Open Houses.

Efforts requiring Board approval

None at this time

Future concerns or needs

None at this time

New Business

- I briefly attempted to recruit Beau Breeden to Chair the Events/Fundraising Committee after he expressed interest in becoming a member after speaking with Goshen Members at the Joust. I think he would be a good asset to the organization. He personally hosts an annual event at his house with 250+ guests which includes food, entertainment, and activities for all ages. He said he was interested in more information but he was also busy wrapping up the Joust Event. He said he will sign up to be a Goshen Member this month (he didn't have cash on him at the Joust Event).

Grounds Committee Report

July 18, 2012 Submitted by Roy Benner, Chairman 07/15/12 to Barbara

1. Meeting with Alden (the Scout) scheduled for (7/18/12) about site location for the garden Shed, he will be building.
2. Cut all grass one time since last meeting.
3. Brownies and Linda Droneburg planted a Butterfly and Pollination Garden (15 plants) during this reporting period.
4. Drafted a letter to Matt Meyers of Hilltop Drive, thanking him and his dad for cutting much of the lower field over these years. We currently seem to alternately cut the grass in this area. Matt one week and I the next cutting. Matt is the model airplane builder/flyer, and is currently a mechanical engineering student at AACC.
5. Purchased lumber and supplies for the soffit, fascia, and porch(s) repairs. Purchased additional supplies completion of soffit/fascia repairs and for stucco repairs.
6. Started on the front porch soffit/fascia and rafter repairs, moved to similar side porch repairs, then to brick deck and footing repairs, installed new columns, repaired and replaced some wood

on all remaining fascia/soffit on the house, caulked all wood to stucco areas on entire house, removed old antenna and wire accessories, repaired stucco and missing stucco material, and caulked all remaining small stucco cracks. All this was completed so that the house could be readied for pressure washing, painting, and then old roof removal and ready for new roof installation.

7. Once pressure washing is complete, there may be some areas that needs touching up of the caulking.
8. Once the old shingles are removed, there probably will be some areas that need structural reinforcing, possible small plywood deck replacing or both. I believe this will especially be the case on the side porch roof – which will require some strengthening and repair once the existing asphalt material is removed.
9. Assisted in removing a large Maple branch that blew down (6/29/12) at the south east corner of the Goshen Farm House on Saturday June 30. Roy, Michael, Lou, Jim M. and Dan W. helped remove the wood and re-righted the chain link fence that had been knocked down. Smitty and Linda assisted with branch removal and the all-important providing food provisions. Thanks to all.
10. Janet Spain again volunteered her time and truck to take old mattress, futon, trash, scrap and old rotten lumber to the County Landfill (7/7/12).
11. Becky and I manned the St. Margarets Joust Booth all day 7/14/12 along with Patty Feldt, Lou and Smitty Biondi, and Michael Buchet. Thanks for the donuts Smitty!
12. Contacts made at the Joust which could be very beneficial to the GFPS:
 - a. Kate Mahood, (410)353-3003, (410)-266-5570 Fax. Kate@HeritagePreserve.com who is a Hertitage Preservationist. She suggested that I look at the NPS Preservation Briefs and Technical Notes and also “The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation” plus the “Ten Golden Rules.”
 - b. John Willard, jdwillard@umbc.edu. P. O. Box #33, 1521 Ritchie Hwy #100, Arnold, Maryland, 21012. John is an oral Historian and teaches such at UMBC. He and a fellow instructor give two day classes/seminars for \$1500 for the session. However, he said he would be happy to come and speak with our group as a donation to the GFPS on oral history - the gathering and utilization of this history. He has all his recorded histories transcribed by a group in the Philippines (he would prefer the US but the cost is so much cheaper and he gets good quality transcriptions at a cost of \$30 per hour. If interested, he will be happy to provide his contact for this transcription service.
13. Spoke with Scott about his collection of land records, titles searches and how we could make these available to interested parties. Scott said by the end of the next two GFPS Meetings, he would be ready to make a presentation to the GFPS on his work. I said if he needed assistance with scanning these documents I was available.

Needs Accomplishing:

1. Short Term:
 - a. Cut the growing grass.

- b. Assist the “Building Committee Task” in providing some general guidance on steps needed to be taken prior to painting and roof repairs.
 - c. Pressure washing the House.
 - d. Painting the House.
 - e. Reroofing the House.
2. Long Term:
- a. Oral Histories Transcribed.
 - b. Land record research made available to interested parties.
 - c. Large tree near the Servant’s Quarter’s, Site #8, should be removed at some point (If it falls, the roots will destroy the Servant’s Quarters). Removal also of another large vine-covered tree located to the southwest end of the Sharing Garden. Both should be removed for safety reasons.
 - d. Smaller Tree of Heaven stumps in the front and north side areas of the Farm House yard continue to be removed from the lawn area as encountered.
 - e. Construct a brick patio for sitting within the entrance of the Sharing Garden. Bricks are being gathered.
 - f. Develop a master plan for the grounds (trees, open areas, paths, perennial garden maintenance, and areas of use).

Needs Approval:

New Business:

1. We need to allocate monies or get a volunteer to transcribe the numerous taped recordings of the History, Land Records, Etc..
2. Dumpster News – Pricing report will be submitted maybe at board meeting. Not high on priority since Janet Spain used her pickup truck again to haul mattresses roof debris to dump. Thanks, Janet!!

Closed Meetings should still allow members to attend but not speak unless allowed on the agenda at the end of the normal business session! Having a closed meeting and not allowing interested parties to attend still gives me a cold feeling.

Richard Luxenburg, AIA - Help with the Farm House and/or Caretakers Cottage?

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

July 18, 2012

Submitted by Becky Benner

(July 15, 2012)

MEMBER TOTALS

The totals to date (July 15, 2012) include:

- Members who either joined or renewed since June 17th and whose memberships thus expire December 31, 2012.

Residents

Resident Individuals = 15

Resident Household = 63

Includes

0 renewals

0 new individual members

0 new household members

Total = 78 resident members

Non-Residents

Non-resident Individual = 10

Non-resident Household = 18

Includes

0 renewals

2 new individual members

0 new household members

Total = 28 non-resident members

Grand Total

106 overall memberships

ACCOMPLISHED

- Forwarded new members' data to Communications Chair, Secretary, and President

TO DO ITEMS

- Establish new database of e-mail addresses received via 2012 Kayak Raffle
 - Obtain raffle ticket stubs from Treasurer
 - Database to be used for future e-mail membership drives

Building Committee Report June 2012

Accomplishments

- THANK YOU for the repairs you have made ROY!!!

Efforts requiring Board approval

- Date of power washing
- Date of painting, rental of cherry picker type machine for speed safety and ease of painting high points
- permission to apply for walmart foundation grant.

Future concerns or needs

- Meeting at house with key building people to develop plan.

New Business

- found walmart foundation grant that could be used for funds.

Garden Chair Committee Report June 2012

Accomplishments

- Turned over 3 plots to new plot renters.
- Held garden meeting Thursday.
- Applied for donations for the Harvest Dinner to Whole Foods, Trader Joes, and Sams Club
- Continued planning efforts of Harvest Dinner (below)

Efforts requiring Board approval

- Harvest Spaghetti Dinner details and date (below)

Future concerns or needs

New Business

- Informal picnic will be held July 29 to allow gardeners to meet and taste varieties of tomatoes being grown.

Harvest Spaghetti Dinner- An annual event to celebrate a great harvest and raise money for the GFPS capital campaign. A dinner open to members first then public to a spaghetti dinner with sauce made from veggies from the garden. Tickets will be sold through pay pal or other website.

Church Hall can seat 100 (200 ppl max) St. Margarets Church, or Cape UMC \$50

5:00 seating

7:00 seating

Saturday Sept 15 (Nicole will be finishing a tri-athlon and returning to Annapolis at 2:00) or

Sunday Sept 16

Day of help

set up

ticket 1-2

food prep serving 3-6

clean up during 4

final clean up

Supplies

trash cans - in container

tablecloths \$50+

napkins \$20+

plates \$15+

utensils \$24+

cups \$45+

flowers-from farm

tables

large pots for pasta

large pots for sauce/ crockpots

pasta \$100+

sauce - 150 cups (1/2 cup per person)

meatballs \$100+

salad sides and dessert (potluck)

bread \$20

butter \$10

Appx Total \$400 without donations

Any suggestions or connections for donations of supplies can be emailed to Nicole at

getdirtyeatfresh@gmail.com

Will need to send out a notice to gardeners to start saving and preserving/freezing tomatoes and other veggies for sauce, etc

Will need to set up evite invitation with rsvp, with link to GFPS paypal site/place to buy tickets

\$5pp Over 3 years of age.

<http://charityhappenings.org/ticketing/learn-more>

GUIDE: <http://www.ellenskitchen.com/bigpots/plan/sphagetti.html?>