

October 21, 2015 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Had the poster for the Open House printed and placed them at the CSC and Bay Hills Shopping Centers businesses and dropped one off at BB&T.

Sent Press Releases for the Open House to The Capital, the Bay Weekly, Eye On Annapolis, the Severna Park Voice, WNAV, WYRE, What's Up Annapolis and several other outlets.

Filled in for the Events Chair at the Open House. She became ill the week before the event.

Sent thank-you letters to Victoria Garbesi with a cc to the Internship Facilitator, Dirk and Stephanie Schwenk, and Dean Cowherd for their participation in the Open House.

Sent a thank-you email to Wendi Winters for her inclusion of the Open House and Harvest Dinner in her October 5th Broadneck column. Also sent pictures and a write up on the Open House, which hopefully she will use in her column.

Continued to work with Color Fire on revamping the web site. Due to major problems with Word Press software, they are rebuilding the entire web site according to John Maggio. I have continued to write articles and edit pictures of events and will send them to Color Fire when the web site is ready. I do not have a time frame for completion, but I will be meeting with Shannon Beauchamp Lepthien on October 27th at 9:30 a.m.

Started putting the "Goshen Farm – Then and Now" photo album into a Power Point© format and will give both that and the original digital images to Board Members. Suggest that we make the presentation available for sale on a CD at future events.

Received several hundred pictures from Roy Benner. Many will fill in the gaps we had in the "History of the Goshen Farm Preservation Society" photo album. Many other will round out the documentation of more recent events.

Received a DVD from the Division of Design and Print Services, AACPS, with only the Goshen Farm segment from the AACPS TV broadcast. I will get it posted on our web site as soon as possible.

As suggested by Color Fire, the original FB page has been taken down. The strategy will be to use the new FB page to post "teasers" that will drive visitors to our web site for more detailed information.

REQUIRED FOLLOW UP

Events

Prepare for a discussion of next year's events at the November Meeting.

Public Relations & Communications

Continue to work with Color Fire on getting the new web site up and running.
Follow up with WNAV and WYRE to see if we can get some interview air time.

Try to set up a meeting with the editor of the Capital.

Continue to work on the “History of the Goshen Farm Preservation Society” photo album.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

October 2015

In mid-August, Roy, Terry, Michael Buchet, and I met with Michael Dowling, the architect specializing in historic restorations and recommended by Jane Cox. He wrote Jane the following in an email a cc'd Goshen Farm.

The immediate issue is the failure of the floor framing and foundation support along the wall between the original building and the addition.

The existing floor system needs to be jacked up and temporarily supported while the existing wooden sill is replaced in kind, and the supporting foundation repaired. The joists (and supplemental joists - see below) can then be resealed on this new sill.

The center joist support beam needs to be examined for integrity.

A secondary issue is the floor framing itself. From a quickly (no analysis) the joists look sound the problem is mostly in the condition of the bearing sill and foundation. My suggestion would be to supplement the existing joists which are at approximately 24" centers, with new 1 3/4 X 9 1/4 LVL joists in between the existing. These could be notched to bear on the new and replacement sills.

The plate bearing the second floor joists in the front wall should be replaced in kind.

The second floor joists could then be supplemented with additional LVL joists ripped to the same depth as the existing, centered between the existing.

These are just some quick outline points, additional investigation would be required.

After a reminder email in late September, he responded with the following recommended contractors on October 2, 2015. I have not had an opportunity to contact them. Will try to schedule a visit in early November.

Dan Lane
Worcester Eisenbrandt, Inc.
2100 Gable Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21230
410 644-6580

Jay Yerkes
Yerkes Construction
112-C South Cross Street
Chestertown, MD 21620
410 810-2580

It has been recommended by Dowling that no additional interior work, including the installation of windows, be undertaken until the structural issues have been dealt with.

I have asked Joe Poist to check with Verizon to determine the cost of dropping our phone service and substituting internet access. This was done at the suggestion of Doug McClelland. He suggested that the cost may be the same and we could use a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) device for the security system auto-dialer.

Events Reports September 2015

Fall Open House- October 10th-

- Wrap up from Presidents as Events Chair was sick and did not attend

Phantom Ball fundraiser-

- I crunched the number and prepared a critical path (see attached).
- Since it is late in the year to decide and do further research, it is proposed that this be pushed until next year.

Other items:

Requiring Board Approval/Discussion:

- We need more member help.

Goshen Farm Critical Path Phantom Ball Fundraiser

1. Secure volunteers to harvest names from REAL PROPERTY search
<http://sdat.resiusa.org/RealProperty/Pages/default.aspx>
2. These members have agreed to help
 - a. Virginia & Ray Kolstad Burris vlburris48@me.com yes
 - b. Linda & Michael Buchet Beck bnb1209@comcast.net yes
 - c. Christiane & Stanley Carlson-Thies christiane@carlson-thies.net yes
 - d. Teresa Grysikiewicz teresagriz@gmail.com yes
 - e. Mary Blaha mary.blaha@gmail.com yes
 - f. Mianna & Andrea Jopp miannaj410@comcast.net yes
 - g. Rose Mary Stocker rosestocker@yahoo.com yes
 - h. Debbie & Dave Toy debbie.toy@verizon.net yes
 - i. Amanda & Dave Heimbach daveheimbach@ymail.com yes, both
 - j. Smitty Biondi
3. Get invitation Printed- Quoted by Minute Man in Glen Burnie- I have breakdown of the cost of each piece.
 - a. Quote on 500- For all 4 pieces- Invite, RSVP card and envelopes for both= \$599.74 + postage=\$844.74=
 - b. Quote 1000- \$1271.56 with postage.
4. Get invitation to Printer by last week in October to have ready by Nov. 16th
5. Print all labels by Nov. 20th.
6. Give to volunteers to seal, label and postage. Put in mail by 11/27th.

The caveat to this is the cost of the of the printing. Possible alternatives:

- Seek other quotes- (might not be cheaper)
- Change format to 1 page invite- printed on 1 side
- Print them ourselves (not sure if this would be cheaper)
- Do a flyer instead of a “wedding-Like” invitation. And instead of a return envelope ask people to pay online w/ Paypal. – this is probably the most inexpensive way to go.

Accomplished:

1. Cut Goshen's grass two times this month.
2. Received two trucks of young trees (fruit and white oaks) from two nurseries and one truck load of mulch from Bowen's for use by the Stream Restoration Grant project Students. Hillary Catan was the project leader for this partnership project.
3. The Goshen Farm Orchard with its 28 trees and the 25 white oak trees of the Memorial Grove were planted on September 29 by the students from Broadneck and Southern High Schools.
4. Had two additional loads of wood chips delivered to Goshen Farm by Richard's Tree Care for use around our gardens and pathways.
5. Led eight to ten AACC students on a tour of Goshen Farm. They were an English Language Learning class led by Kathryn Waterman.
6. New wood chips were spread on all the Sharing Garden paths, in, and leading up to the High Tunnel.
7. The Henson – Hall Slave Garden is complete (by BB&T employees). It is now GFPS responsibility to weed this area and water the plants.
8. Eagle Scout Projects that are coordinated under the Ground's Chair:
 - a. Lyle Wallace, completed his Eagle Scout project of beehives, and has four hives. He constructed a picket fence around the hives but did not intentional construct a fence along the wooded side (north side) of this area. Gr5ounds Chair constructed a 3 foot gate and installed it completing the fence protection for the four hives. A latch or locking mechanism is still needed. Lyle has done an amazing amount of work on this project. He will continue to manage the hives until the spring of 2016. He is working with Jenni Biondi who will take over management of the hives next spring.
 - b. Tony Tuckfield has not been heard from since June 13 to try to clarify possible projects.
 - c. Leo Brown has not communicated his intentions concerning his Eagle Scout project.
 - d. Scout Marsh has submitted his project for pathway improvements on the path at the western side of Goshen property and is awaiting approval from the Boy Scouts of America.
 - e. Scout McGhee and his father were presented with a list of possible projects at Goshen Farm for his Eagle Scout Project.
9. The "Cotton Patch" planted in the lower field by Kara Maddox is doing fine, and the cotton is looking great. Please take a look at possibly the only cotton growing in the State of Maryland.
10. Updated the Ground's Goshen Farm PowerPoint for 2015 adding new 2015 pictures. The PowerPoint was played at the Harvest Dinner.
11. Laminated many signs and pictures for the Open House
12. Signs promoting the Goshen Farm Open House were lettered and installed along Cape St. Claire Road and also on the Green Holly Drive.
13. Removal of the large, decayed Silver Maple on the southwest corner of the Goshen Farm House's 1967 addition took place on October 12th, after the Open House was over. Richard's Tree Care was the low bidder and provided GFPS with the most options.
14. Purchased a new Ford Tractor for use on the Farm. Originally from Ohio, it was delivered on October 8th. The tractor included a brush hog and a scraper blade. The blade will be used on the driveway and for future snow removal.
15. Rose Mary's brother, Bob, from Ohio spent some time with the tractor on improving the driveway. It is the best the driveway has looked in years.

16. Asked the Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District for a survey of the gradient of the driveway to determine the best place(s) to turn out the drainage water into the woods. The AASCD is currently without an engineer so this task has been given low priority.
17. Doug McClelland diagnosed, ordered, and installed a new PTO clutch on the Gravelly Mower. Thanks, Doug!
18. I would like to thank several members that helped prepare the house and grounds for the Open House: Fran Bents, Linda Beck, Jeanne Klingler, Dan Perry, and especially Dave McCormick who hauled woodchips for two consecutive days. Terry and Becky also need to be recognized for their additional help. THANKS!
19. Helped Becky edged the hydrangeas beds and mulched with wood chips for the Open House.
20. Wire brushed, cleaned, and painted the old (windmill?) well pump for display at the Open House.
21. E Harwood photographed the Open House. Made a copy for GFPS and Lou Biondi.
22. The previously installed a security camera at the Caretaker's Cottage. It was removed on October 16th.
23. Meet with Lisa Womeldorf and Loretta of "The Enclave Training Program" (Division of the Special Education) about conducting Special Ed classes at Goshen Farm three days a week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) and classes would run from 11:30 AM to 1:15 PM for 18 weeks. Lou Biondi, Terry Brandon and Rich Burger also were in attendance.

Needs Accomplishing:

1. Need to help Terry Brandon, Garden Chair, install a series of valves on the High Tunnel Drip Irrigation System. This will allow individual rows to be watered (as needed) separately, rather than watering all the plant rows at the same time.
2. Need to monitor the security lighting at the Farm House.
3. Contact Congressmen Wayne Gilchrest, Sassafras Environmental Educational Center, located at Knocks Folly in Kennedyville, Maryland, regarding his educational lesson plans and experiences in Kent County.
4. Long Term:
 - a. Consider expanding our single lane driveway into a two-way drive or other option(s). This action would allow Goshen Farm to expand future activities at Goshen Farm, relieve traffic issues, and ensure driveway safety.
 - b. Develop a plan to attack to control rampant growth on trees (invasive vines that strangle our growing trees).
 - c. Continue descriptions of planned activities listed in the Grounds Master Use Plan and continue layout of the grounds.
 - d. Pursue purchasing new water well for Goshen Farm or try to tie into county water system near Goshen Farm and the Cape St. Claire Elementary School.
 - e. Pursue composting toilets, holding tank(s) with pump outs, regular toilets connected to a septic system, or connecting to the county sewer system. Jim Morrison pointed out that after their research into toilet facilities, Hancock's Resolution will be **using a large holding tank** for the bathroom effluent. He states this is a **MUCH cheaper** way to handle toilet facilities in today's world.

Needs Approval: N/A

New Business:

1. Suggestions on what worked, what needs improvements, and what did not work at the October Fall Open House.
2. Security camera(s) should become a high priority.

3. Girl Scout Rosner would like to present a proposal to the Board for her Silver Award using some kind of diorama(s) placed around the GFPS property.

Submitted by Terry Brandon to Lou Biondi President & GFPS Board

Accomplished:

1. Worked up signage for Goshen Farm October 10 Open House
2. Signed on one volunteer, Alex Butler, to help regularly at Goshen Farm on Saturdays
3. Attended 4 Rivers Mini Grant Workshop-met with Elinor Thompson author of Nelson's Rest –Documenting the history & heritage of Asbury Broadneck Annapolis Church. Bought a copy of that book. Agreed to later meeting on fundraising possibilities.
4. Met with Jim McCrea regarding February 2, 2016 talk at Annapolis Rotary with Roy Benner. Set up follow up meeting in late October.
5. Met with Judge Steve Derby regarding his photo collection of Cape St. Claire. He agreed to email me a disc of the photos.
6. Met with Lisa Barge-Agricultural Marketing & Development Manager, Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation regarding potential educational collaboration in the areas of Agricultural jobs, and raising of awareness of agricultural subjects for the general community.
7. Met with Lisa Womeldorf, Transition Facilitator, Division of Special Education, Anne Arundel County Public School per the good offices of Michelle Weisberger, Tour Goshen farm and looking at team of 3-4 Special Ed Students from Broadneck High School working/learning at Goshen Farm on a weekly basis beginning after Jan 1 2016.
8. Began review of Goshen Farm Membership roster.

Needs Accomplishing:

1. Short Term:
 - a. Build stronger relationship with each GFPS member through scheduled promotions like Open House
 - b. Begin Grant Process for St. Margarets' Church on Well Project
 - c. Increase numbers of volunteers working on Goshen Winter Projects
 - d. Follow up on above promising contacts with Lisa Wolmeldorf and Lisa Barge.
 - e. Follow up on Rotary presentation

2. Long Term:
 - a. Prioritized most urgent funding goals
 - b. Build a Goshen Member Development Committee
 - c. Build a Goshen Member Volunteer Committee
 - d. Begin process of grant submissions research

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

October 21, 2015

Submitted by Becky Benner on October 16, 2015

MEMBER TOTALS for 2015

- Members who either joined or renewed since September 20, 2014, and whose memberships thus expire December 31, 2015.

Residents

Resident Individuals = 22

Resident Households = 67

Corporate = 9

Total = 98 resident members

Non-Residents

Non-resident Individuals = 23

Non-resident Households = 28

Corporate = 9

Total = 60 non-resident members

2015 Total = 158 overall memberships

MEMBER TOTALS for 2016

- Members who either joined or renewed since September 19, 2015, and whose memberships thus expire December 31, 2016.

Residents

Resident Individuals = 1

Resident Households = 5

Corporate = 0

Includes

0 new Individual member

1 renewal Individual member

1 new Household member

4 renewal Household members

0 new Corporate member

0 renewal Corporate member

Total = 6 resident members

Non-Residents

Non-resident Individuals = 2

Non-resident Households = 3

Corporate = 1

Includes

1 new Individual member

1 renewal Individual member

1 new Household member

2 renewal Household members

1 new Corporate member

0 renewal Corporate member

Total = 6 non-resident members

2016 Total = 12 overall memberships

ACCOMPLISHED

- Set-up, assisted, and cleaned the evening of the Sharing Garden Harvest Dinner, September 19th, at the Gloria Dei! Lutheran Church
- Weeded, cleaned, and mulched Farm House hydrangea beds in preparation for the Fall Open House to be held October 10th.
- Attended Four Rivers Heritage Area Grant Mini-Workshop to obtain tips for writing Requests for Proposal that would ensure grant funding for Goshen Farm programs.
- Assisted Grounds Chair host the Stream Restoration Grant Program's Broadneck and Southern High School students plant 25 White Oak trees (Maryland's State Tree) and 29 fruit trees (seven varieties). Provided cookies and candy to bolster the students' energy levels. Took photographs to track the day's accomplishments.
- Assisted the Grounds Chair with prepping the Farm's grounds for the Fall Open House.
- Met with the 2015 Performance and Visual Arts intern Victoria Garbesi as she walked through her dress rehearsal of Margaret Stinchcomb Tydings. Victoria's presentation as Margaret took place during the Fall Open House, October 10th.
- Participated in the 2015 Fall Open House: greeted, spoke with, and answered questions from guests visiting Goshen Farm.
- Invited and met with Lisa Barge, Agricultural Marketing & Development Manager, of the Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation, on Goshen Farm's property. Lisa sits on many Board of Directors for organizations involved with agriculture and is the director for obtaining funds for farmers in Anne Arundel County. Introducing Lisa to Goshen Farm should be beneficial in connecting with farm programs, school/agriculture programs, and nutrition/educational programs.

TO DO ITEMS

- Complete edits for GFPS bi-fold brochure.
- Incorporate suggestions for the Service Project Guidelines / Application / Consultation and Review documents for GFPS to present to any Eagle Scout, Gold Award, or Community Service applicant wishing to partner with GFPS.
- Revisit the Customs and Courtesies Policy.
- Utilize the Anne Arundel County Public Library Foundation Directory Online to search for grantors related to agriculture, agri-tainment, community gardens, community crops, environment, etc.
- Resume oral history interviews
- Take trip to National Colonial Farm in Accokeek, MD, to observe crops and gardens, educational offerings, colonial-garbed interpreters, animals, etc.
- Schedule trip to Claude Moore Park Heritage Farm Museum for educational programs, exhibits, special events, and ideas that GFPS could incorporate into Open House programs or presentations to other organizations.
- Plan to visit Button Farm in Germantown where "slave labor shaped the landscape." Intent is to observe programs, exhibits, events, ideas that could be utilized in the Henson – Hall Slave Garden or into GFPS' offerings. Button Farm offers an authentic "slave truck patch" garden that reveals the "humble subsistence farming practices" of the time.

NOTE

- October 2014 (for 2015) = 10 overall memberships; October 2015 (for 2016) = 12 overall memberships
- September 2014 = 157 overall memberships; September 2015 = 158 overall memberships
- August 2014 = 154 overall memberships; August 2015 = 155 overall memberships