

Caine Woods Community Association, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

March 2014

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Message from CWCA President Dennis Dare

As spring approaches, I first want to thank everyone who attended the fall crab feast and other events over the past year. Together, we raised \$4,100 for the Open Kettle Kitchen at St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

And now, we look forward to working with the dedicated volunteers of the N.O.E.L. Community, this year's

designated charity. Proceeds from our raffles and the special event in September will go to this deserving group in Ocean City.

Please take a moment to note the upcoming events in Caine Woods, including the clean-up in Fiesta Park in April, the bull roast in June, yard sales in July, and National Night Out and

end-of summer picnic, both in August. These events offer the opportunity to meet your neighbors and learn about our community, and I look forward to seeing everyone as the weather warms up!

As always, if you have any concerns about Caine Woods, please contact me or any of our other board members. We can help!

CWCA selects N.O.E.L. Community as its 2014 charity

Every year, the Caine Woods Community Association officers and directors choose a local charity that will receive the proceeds from our September crab feast and from raffles held at other association events.

At its Feb. 26 meeting, the board interviewed representatives from Coastal Hospice, the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund and the N.O.E.L. Community. After careful deliberation, the officers and board selected the N.O.E.L. Community as this year's charity.

The N.O.E.L. (Nothing Other than Eating and Loving) Community was organized in 1998 as a dinner hosted at St. Paul's by the Sea Episcopal Church in Ocean City, providing food and companionship on Christmas. The tradition has continued by serving free home-cooked meals and distributing gifts.

Throughout the year, the organization also prepares lunches and carryout, packs toiletry kits for those in need, organizes food and clothing drives and more. The N.O.E.L. Community is committed to providing an enjoyable and positive outreach environment for those it serves and those who serve.

Fiesta Park clean-up April 12

In conjunction with the Town of Ocean City's annual bulk pickup project April 12-13, the Caine Woods Community Association will hold its traditional spring clean-up of Fiesta Park Saturday, April 12, beginning at 10 a.m.

CWCA volunteers will pick up trash and litter, rake up pine cones and do whatever is needed to make the park the natural resource that it is in Caine Woods. The Ocean City Recreation and Parks Department will provide a crew, supplies and other gear to help out with the clean-up.

Burgers, hot dogs, refreshments and other goodies will be provided to all volunteers.

Volunteers should bring gloves and rakes. In the past, a crew of up to 20 individuals completed the clean-up in about two hours.

Bull roast June 21 at Fiesta Park

The annual Caine Woods bull roast will be held Saturday, June 21, at Fiesta Park from noon to 3 p.m.

The CWCA will provide all the food, but you may bring a dish or dessert to share with your table or friends.

Activities that day include children's games and a 50/50 raffle (bring an extra \$1 or \$5 to purchase tickets). Proceeds will be donated to the N.O.E.L. Community.

We always welcome volunteers to help out at the event and to clean up the park after the festivities are over.

We ask that you do not carry food out from the picnic area. If a house-bound person requests food, please inform the registration table crew ahead of time.

If you'd like to bring a guest, the cost is \$10 each; children under age 12 are free. Due to insurance liability, all children must be accompanied by an adult. Please be courteous and do not bring any animals to the picnic.

The rain date is Sunday, June 22. For more information, call Dennis Dare at 410-250-1650.

CWCA yard sale July 12

Now is the time to clean out your attics and closets! Our annual community-wide yard sale will be held Saturday, July 12, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, July 13.

We will advertise the yard sale in advance and ask that you mark your property with balloons so that buyers can find you.

OCPD seeks public's assistance in burglary investigation

Ocean City police are currently investigating several recent burglaries that have occurred in the uptown area, between 120th Street and the Delaware line. The burglaries, some of which appear to be related, have specifically targeted flat-screen televisions.

Ocean City police are asking anyone with information about these burglaries or the suspect(s) involved to contact Detective Nick Simpson of the Ocean City Criminal Investigation Division at 410-520-5349. As always, the OCPD's Crime Tipline is available 24/7 and can be reached by dialing 410-520-5136. Those providing information may remain anonymous.

The Ocean City Police Department reminds citizens to continue to remain vigilant for suspicious activity. Any citizen leaving the area for any extended period of time is encouraged to take advantage of the free residential security check program, available to all Ocean City homeowners. When you provide basic information regarding your property, the OCPD will conduct security checks at random times each day. For more information and to sign up for a residential security check, visit www.oceancitymd.gov/police/securitycheck.html.

Join the Neighborhood Watch program

Here's an opportunity to become the "eyes and ears" of the police. Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enhances neighborhood security, heightens the community's power of observation and encourages mutual assistance and concern among neighbors.

Caine Woods currently has an established, active neighborhood watch group, but we're always looking for more volunteers.

As a member of Neighborhood Watch, you make a vital contribution to the safety of your family, home and community. Benefits of the program include:

- 1. Having a security survey of your home performed by a representative of the OC Police Department.
 - 2. Reporting suspicious and criminal activity to the police.
 - 3. Engraving and making an inventory of your valuables.

The real key to this program, however, is getting to know your neighbors and sharing with them the responsibility of protecting your neighborhood.

If you are interested in becoming a block captain, or if you'd like to know who your block captain is, email cainewoods@verizon.net or call Tonja Sas at 410-250-1046.

Crime tip hotline available

The Ocean City Police Department recently revitalized the town's crime tip hotline by making it easier to find and understand for the citizens of Ocean City.

Residents can now call 410-520-5136 to report a tip about crime. Residents also have the option to share tips through email at crimetips@oceancitymd.gov. The crime tip hotline information can be found www.oceancitymd.gov/police as well as on the OCPD's Facebook and Twitter pages. Any information provided through the hotline is strictly confidential.

"We strongly encourage anyone that has any suspicions or concerns that there may be criminal activity in their area to call

Air Force Thunderbirds to headline OC Air Show June 14-15

The U.S. military will return to the skies over Ocean City as the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds return to headline the OC Air Show Saturday and Sunday, June 14-15, over the beach and boardwalk. General viewing is free from the beach starting three blocks to the north and south of the

show center at 16th Street.



The show will feature some of the nation's top military and civilian performers including military jet demos, aerobatic performers, formation flight teams and parachute teams.

Tickets for the VIP Skybox reserved seating terrace and the Flight Line Clubhouse are avail-

able for purchase online or by phone. Save up to \$50 per ticket when you purchase by May 18. Both include reserved parking at or near show center. Drop Zone premium viewing tickets at the show center are available for purchase at an advance price of \$22.

For more information, go to www.ocairshow.com.

410-520-5136 or email crimetips@oceancitymd.gov," said Ocean City Police Chief Ross Buzzuro. "Tips that we receive can often be valuable information for our detectives."

Citizens are reminded that if information to be shared is timesensitive, please call 911 for an immediate response.

OCPD offers bike, moped, scooter registration program

The Ocean City Police Department offers a bicycle, moped and scooter registration program for all residents of Ocean City. All bicycle, moped and scooter riders are encouraged to register their vehicles as a deterrent to crime and to promote safety.

The registration program is free of charge, and all registration information is stored electronically for future reference.

MVA Mobile Office coming to Ocean City

The ezMVA Mobile Office will be at the Ocean City Public Safety Building on 65th Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 11; Tuesday, April 15; Tuesday, May 6, and Tuesday, June 17.

The following services are available: renew a non-commercial Maryland driver's license and photo ID card (for non-drivers only); obtain a duplicate driver's license, certified copy of a driving record or disability placards; renew vehicle registration; obtain substitute stickers or registration cards; return tags; change your name and/or address; apply to register to vote; register as an organ donor

For more information, call 410-768-7000.

CWCA Caroling Party



The annual caroling party Dec. 4 was another success! We had a great turnout of members and friends who went caroling around our neighborhood and then returned to the Elks Club for food and drink. Attendees also generously donated toys or money to the Ocean City Police Department's toy drive. Our thanks to the Town of Ocean City for providing the tram, and to the Elks Club for once again preparing and serving the food.

Welcome to our newest members!

The CWCA is always looking for new members. If your neighbors are not members, encourage them to go to our website, www.cainewoodsoc.org, to view the newsletter and calendar of events. Invite them to join the association for just \$20 per year and describe all the benefits that go along with membership.

We welcome our newest members:

- Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gorham, North Ocean Road.
- Karen and Ken Sutton, North Ocean Road.
- Michele and Brian Kelly, 141st Street.
- Pamela and Jim Wroten, Caine Stable Road.



CWCA Events 2014



Note: CWCA board meetings are not held in November or December

- March 26: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- April 12: Fiesta Park spring clean-up, 10 a.m.
- **April 23:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- May 28: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- June 21: Bull roast, noon-3 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date June 22.
- **June 25:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **July 1 (approximate):** Newsletter mailing.
- July 12: Caine Woods yard sales, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Rain date July 13.

- **July 23:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- Aug. 5: National Night Out, 6-8 p.m., Fiesta Park.
- Aug. 23: End-of-summer picnic, general membership meeting, election of officers, 4-6 p.m., Fiesta Park.
- **Aug. 27:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Sept. 20:** Charity special event, to be announced.
- **Sept. 24:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- Oct. 22: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Nov. 1 (approximate):** Newsletter mailing.



Improvements at Fiesta Park

Joe and Jon Mitrecic of Mitrecic Builders are installing shelves in the storage shed at Fiesta Park. With these shelves, the shed will be more organized, making food preparation and clean-up at our picnics faster and easier.

Overgrown grass? Graffiti? Other?

Just a reminder that if you see a streetlight that is burned out, grass that is overgrown, graffiti — anything in our neighborhood that is a concern to you, please call any of the members of the CWCA board of directors. They can help!

OCPD warns of 'one-ring' phone scam

The Ocean City Police Department is warning citizens about a cell phone scam where the potential victim receives a one-ring call from one of many area codes in the Caribbean Islands.

According to the Better Business Bureau, scammers are using auto-dialers to call thousands of cell phones. The phone will ring only once before disconnecting. If the citizen calls back the number displayed, the caller will then be charged \$19.95 for an international call fee and an additional \$9-per-minute charge.

Area codes being used by the scammers are 473 (Grenada), 809 (Dominican Republic), 876 (Jamaica), 284 (British Virgin Islands), and 268 (Antiqua/Barbuda).

The BBB suggests that citizens keep a close eye on their cell phone statements and contact their carrier if any unauthorized charges are noticed. Also, citizens are encouraged to research the area code online to see where any unfamiliar phone numbers originate before returning the call.

The history of Caine Woods: Part V

A look back at neighborhood happenings in 1985

In February 1985, the Caine Woods Community Association issued its first newsletter, written jointly by Charlie Burger, Paul Paradis and Lucy Gaffney. Typewritten in blue ink on blue paper, the paper asked for ideas for a Caine Woods logo to be used for stationery and a decal. Circles with the word "LOGO" in them were used for the newsletter masthead. The treasury showed a balance of \$18,059.35, and 97 of the 159 members were non-residents of Ocean City.

After three years of requests, the Town of Ocean City placed Christmas decorations on Coastal Highway in North Ocean City.

More snow had fallen in that year than in the past several years. At times, the Fenwick Ditch and Assawoman Bay appeared totally frozen.

Caine Woods officers testified at city hearings on the removal of a cottage moved from Delaware to North Surf Road; denial of a boat mooring facility at Caine Stable Road; denial of the movement of a house from 143rd Street and the beach to 142nd Street and Sinepuxent Avenue; and removal by the city of a stack of storm sewer pipes in North Surf Park.

In a letter to the City Manager, President Burger said that small children had been seen playing and climbing on the pipes and at least one child had fallen from a moving pipe.

Although some cottages were still being moved into Caine Woods, the owners were required to indicate in writing that improvements would make them compatible with neighboring houses.

In March, the CWCA logo was selected by combining several ideas submitted.

Linda Evelyn, an Ocean City graphic artist, developed the final logo. Bill Lily designed the CWCA stationery. In May, CWCA decals were purchased and distributed at CWCA events, one to a family.

In a special election, Roland "Fish" Powell was elected to finish the four-year term of the late Mayor Harry W. Kelley. CWCA President Charlie Burger was unsuccessful in his bid for the one open City Council seat.

In August, CWCA joined the Montego Bay, Caine Keys II and Little Salisbury community associations in a Federation of Citizens Groups. Dues would be \$50 each per year.

In September, the day after people were allowed back into Ocean City after Hurricane Gloria, the CWCA Octoberfest/annual meeting was held. Charlie Burger was re-elected president; Jack Cooper, vice-president; Lucy Gaffney, secretary; and Bill Thomas, treasurer.

The increasing number of people attending CWCA events created problems finding enough tables. You will find out the solution to that problem in our next issue

- Mary Ann LeMay, CWCA Historian

Runkles named Officer of the Year



Lt. Mark Pacini, Ofc. Daniel McBride, Cpl. James Runkles, Lt. Scott Harner and Cpl. Allen Hawk

On Jan. 7, the Neighborhood Watch Associations of Ocean City gathered at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center for their annual Officer of the Year recognition dinner.

Nearly 140 guests attended the event, including Ocean City Mayor Rick Meehan and all seven City Council members. Also in attendance were OC Police Department employees, Ocean City residents and members of the eight Neighborhood Watch Associations in Ocean City, which consist of the Boardwalk Association, Bayshore Drive Association, Caine Keys II Association, Caine Woods Association, Edgewater Avenue Association, Little Salisbury Association, Montego Bay Association and Sundowner Park Association.

Cpl. James Runkles received the Ocean City Neighborhood Watch Association's 2013 Officer of the Year award. Also nominated were Ocean City Police Lt. Scott Harner, Lt. Mark Pacini, Cpl. Allen Hawk, and Officer Daniel McBride.

Originally from Baltimore, Runkles served in the United States Marine Corps from 1999 until 2004, where he deployed to the theater of operations during Operation Enduring Freedom and again in Africa. Runkles began his OCPD career in 2007 and has been assigned to the patrol division since his start. He was promoted to police officer first class in 2010 and corporal in 2012. Runkles became a K-9 officer in March 2011. He and his K-9 partner, Breki, have been instrumental in the seizure of narcotics, weapons and suspects. As an OCPD officer, Runkles has received an excellent police performance commendation, a unit citation and a bronze star and was recognized by the OC Elks Lodge as their Ocean City Law Enforcement Officer of the Year in 2010.

Also recognized during the ceremony were the members of the OCPD and Neighborhood Watch groups who passed away in 2013. The families of officers Joshua Adickes and Thomas Geoghegan and Animal Control Officer Donald Spence received memorial items from Chief Ross Buzzuro and Ocean City Fraternal Order of Police. OCPD K-9 officer Pfc. Kevin Flower was also given a commemorative urn from his former partner Tacko, who passed away this year. Finally, Dan Donatelli and Dorothy "Dot" Healey were also remembered as dedicated members of their Neighborhood Watch groups for many years.

Numerous officers received commendations for distinguishing themselves by going above and beyond what is normally required during various incidents that occurred throughout 2013. These officers were awarded through unit citations, awards of excellent performance and meritorious services. Lastly, six employees from the OCPD were also recognized for promotions:

Police Officer First Class: Joshua Adickes, Amy Gutowski, Richard Gutowski, Justin Hoban and Christopher Wrench. Sergeant: Charles "Josh" Kelley.

"The Ocean City Police Department would like to thank the citizens of Ocean City and the eight Neighborhood Watch Associations for taking their time to recognize the officers of the OCPD at the event," said OC Police Chief Ross Buzzuro. "We are extremely thankful for the time these citizens take throughout the year to maintain the very special partnership that exists between the citizens of Ocean City and their police. We are lucky to live in a community with an outstanding police department and extraordinary residents. It's a great team!"

Drug drop box available at OCPD

To prevent the abuse of unused prescription medication, the Ocean City Police Department has a drug drop box in the lobby of the Public Safety Building at 65th Street bayside, available for public access around the clock.

Most prescription medicines should not be flushed down the toilet or thrown into the trash. This drop box program allows residents and visitors to dispose of unneeded, expired or unwanted medicine easily and properly. The box was donated by the OC Elks Lodge.

Passports applications available at City Hall

Passport applications are accepted Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the City Clerk's office in City Hall, Third Street and Baltimore Avenue. You must call 410-289-8824 before you visit. Passport photos are also available for \$10.60 per applicant.

OC flag available for purchase

The Ocean City flag is available for purchase at City Hall, providing you with the opportunity to have a piece of Ocean City with you wherever you may be.

Flags are available in three sizes: 3 by 5 feet, \$35; 2 x 3 feet, \$25; 12 x 18 inches (boat size), \$20. Flags can be



purchased at the Billing and Collection Office at City Hall, 301 Baltimore Ave., Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Automatic payment option for water and sewer bills

In order to better serve its customers, the Town of Ocean City offers an automatic payment option for water and sewer bills. There is no fee for this service and you'll still receive a quarterly statement showing the amount to be deducted from your checking account. To enroll in this pre-authorized transfer service, call 410-289-8833 or email sadkins@oceancitymd.gov.

Committee Reports

Board of directors meetings

All association members are invited and encouraged to attend the CWCA board of directors meetings, which are held at the Tiburon Condominium meeting room on 141st Street between Sand Dune and North Ocean roads at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month except November and December.

If a change occurs, a note will be posted on the Tiburon meeting room door.

Historian

As official historian of the Caine Woods Community Association, Mary Ann LeMay maintains the historical records of the CWCA and will provide articles for the newsletter on the neighborhood's beginnings.

If you have any relevant documents or photographs, please call Mary Ann at 410-250-4688 or email rhlandmal@aol.com.

Membership Committee

When renewing your membership, please include your email address. We would like to keep you informed of activities, alert you if there is a concern in the neighborhood, and send this newsletter electronically unless you opt out.

If you change your email address, please let us know at cainewoods@verizon.net.

We respect your privacy and send all emails as "bcc," so no names or email addresses can be seen by recipients.

Hospitality Committee welcomes new residents

Barbara Schmitt of the Hospitality Committee calls upon new residents to welcome them to our neighborhood and to give them a collection of goodies donated by local businesses, along with a CWCA newsletter. She also explains the benefits of joining the association and describes the many activities that go along with membership. If you know of a new neighbor, please contact Barbara at 410-250-0670 or email her at auntbeau@msn.com.

The cost of a membership is \$20 per year. That entitles members to admission to the annual bull roast/picnic, National Night Out and the end-of-summer picnic, with food and beverages provided.

Also, there is Christmas caroling followed by a party at the Elks Lodge, three newsletters per year and the opportunity to tell the board of directors about neighborhood concerns and suggestions.

Members also receive timely notifications by email regarding important events (hurricanes, road repairs, etc.) in the community.

Sunshine Committee

Donna Umbel of the Sunshine Committee sends out cards to those experiencing both good and bad times — a birth, graduation or other special occasion, and in the event of an illness or death. We know that these attempts to reach out are appreciated when we receive a note of thanks in response. We also send cards to members going into a nursing home or moving out of the area, to let them know that we will miss them.

If you know of anyone experiencing a happy or sad event in their life, contact Donna Umbel at 410-250-5778 or jajaumbel@gmail. com and she will send a card.

Get-well wishes were sent to Tom Hannon, Pat Carew and Joe Kostelac.

Our condolences to Irish Kemp on the death of her husband, Skip; to Robert Noll on the death of his mother; and to the family of Josie Hoffman.

Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee always welcomes any volunteers who might like to help by plucking weeds or watering flower beds nearby. If you are interested, please call or email Rosalie Stuller, 410-250-5224; rstuller6691@gmail.com.

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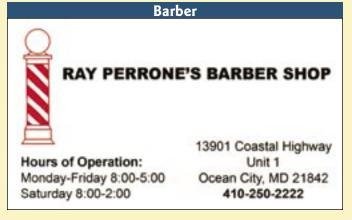
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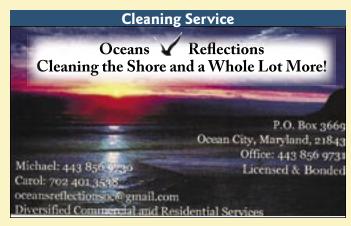
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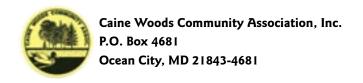
The cost is \$30 for CWCA members; \$50 for non-members. Mail a check, payable to the CWCA, to P.O. Box 4681, Ocean City, MD 21842-4681. The newsletter is published in March, July and November.

Already an advertiser?

Please note that the deadline to renew your ad is Jan. 1. If you have a new business card, send a scan to liz1650@msn.com or mail it to Elizabeth Dare, 14139 Sea Captain Road, Ocean City, MD 21842.

For more information, call or email Irene Hansen at 410-250-1154 or iah317@aol.com.

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