



Caine Woods Community Association

NEWSLETTER

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Message from CWCA President Julie Valcourt

Spring is here, and that means it's time for spring cleaning. The Town of Ocean City is having its annual bulk pickup weekend Saturday and Sunday, April 8-9. Clean out your attic, garage or junk room and leave your bigger items on the curb for FREE pickup. Normally, you pay a fee for this service, so take advantage of it. Contact Solid Waste at 410-524-0318 if you have any questions about items allowed for the bulk pickup.

The CWCA will host its spring clean-up at Fiesta Park on Saturday, April 8, beginning at 10 a.m. Please come out and help clean up the park to get it ready for our fabulous picnics coming up this

summer. It's a great way to socialize with the board members and neighbors. Plus, we will be having a small picnic afterwards for volunteers and workers.

We have several picnics scheduled for this summer that you don't want to miss. The Police Department, Fire Department and members of the Ocean City Council attend as well, so come meet your local community members. When do you get a chance to have all of them in the same place where you can ask questions or discuss any concerns you may have? We always have a big turnout for our picnics, and it's so much fun. Look elsewhere in this newsletter

for the dates and times of our picnics and other special events.

Please encourage your neighbors to join our association for only \$20 per year. Members can attend all picnics with great food and drink (including beer and wine). You will receive a newsletter three times a year to inform you of events happening in the neighborhood and other interesting tidbits. You will also be added to our email blast that instantly sends you important information that may arise about the neighborhood or Ocean City.

I'll be seeing you around the neighborhood this summer!

CWCA selects St. Vincent de Paul as 2017 charity of the year

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

At its February meeting, the officers and board selected the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Ocean City Conference, which provides emergency assistance for the poor and indigent of Ocean City and organizes a food pantry at Holy Savior Church every Thursday.

We look forward to working with this group and hope to have a successful fundraising effort this year!

Sinepuxent Avenue bike lane project: some stop signs to change locations

At the CWCA board of directors meeting in January, Paul Mouser of the Ocean City Engineering Department provided an update on the bike route project planned for Sinepuxent Avenue.

The town has received a \$57,000 grant from the Maryland Bikeways Program for the project.

Five-foot-wide bike lanes will be created on Sinepuxent Avenue from 130th Street to 146th Street. Parallel parking will be available along Sinepuxent.

The stop signs currently located in the north/south direction at 135th, 137th, 138th, 140th and 141st streets will be changed to east/west.

Stop signs on Sinepuxent at 130th, 133rd, 136th, 139th and 142nd Streets will remain in their current locations; these streets have traffic signals where they intersect Coastal Highway.

Signs will be placed in these areas to warn drivers of the changes in the traffic pattern. The project is comparable to St. Louis Avenue.

The project should be completed by Memorial Weekend.



Welcome to our newest members!

- Deborah and James Reda, South Bay Drive.
- Jan and Jim Staloski, 141st Street.
- Linda and John Perruso, Lighthouse Avenue.
- Lisa and Scott Myers, Caine Stable Road.
- Donna Varette, Jarvis Avenue.

Carolers spread holiday cheer to neighbors



Despite a rainy evening, we had a nice turnout for the caroling party Dec. 6. CWCA members and friends went caroling around our neighborhood, then returned to the Elks Club for refreshments. We thank the Town of Ocean City for providing the bus and the Elks Club for preparing and serving the food. Attendees also donated toys or money for the needy. The "V" signs show that baby Vincent was in our thoughts!

Fiesta Park clean-up April 8

In conjunction with the Town of Ocean City's annual bulk pickup project April 8-9, the Caine Woods Community Association will hold its traditional spring clean-up of Fiesta Park Saturday, April 8, 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 who help. Volunteers should bring gloves and rakes. Clean-up of the park usually takes about two hours and is a nice way to welcome spring!

Picnic June 24 at Fiesta Park

The annual Caine Woods summer kick-off picnic will be held Saturday, June 24, at Fiesta Park from noon to 3 p.m. The rain date is June 25.

A wide array of food and beverages will be provided including ham, barbecue, hot dogs, salads and more. Bring an extra \$1 or

\$5 to purchase tickets for the 50/50 raffle. Proceeds will be donated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Ocean City, this year's charity.

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.

For more information, call Julie Valcourt at 301-908-7789.

CWCA yard sales set for July 8

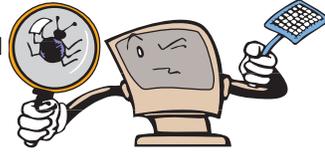
Start cleaning out your attics and closets! Our annual community-wide yard sale will be held Saturday, July 8, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, July 9.

We advertise the yard sale in local newspapers and ask that you mark your property with balloons so that buyers can find you. If you prefer, you may set up your wares at Fiesta Park.

Police warn of computer scams

The Ocean City Police Department has recently seen an increase in reports of computer scams.

In each case, the victim reported being contacted in some way by an online computer repair company stating that their computer had a virus that needed to be removed. The victim then paid the company hundreds of dollars through either a wire transfer, gift cards, or a fictitious online payment system. One victim lost nearly \$1,000 before contacting police.



In most cases, the scammer gained remote access to the computer and rather than fix it, the scammer created a virus.

Internet crime schemes such as these steal millions of dollars each year from unsuspecting victims across the country. The OCPD offers a few simple steps to spot similar scams:

- Be cautious of unsolicited offers. If you didn't ask for computer repair services, a legitimate company would not have known that it was needed.
- Be wary if the seller accepts only wire transfers, gift cards or cash.
- When asked to pay with a credit card through a website, ensure the site is secure and reputable before providing your credit card number.
- Research the company before agreeing to the service. Most legitimate companies will have information about their company online, as well as customer reviews.

If you believe you may have been a victim of a similar crime, please contact the OCPD at 410-723-6610.

Dog park available for OC residents and non-residents

The Town of Ocean City's dog playground on 94th Street bay-side can be used by both residents and non-residents.

The playground is divided into two sections — one for dogs 28 pounds and under, and one for dogs over 28 pounds — and can be used from dawn to dusk, seven days a week, weather and conditions permitting.

All dogs must have a current license and vaccination certificate. Also, proof of residency or property ownership is required for a resident pass.

To apply for a permit and for a list of costs, please visit www.oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/recreation-parks. You can also call or visit the front desk at Northside Park on 125th Street bay-side, 410-250-0125, during regular business hours.

Do you rent out your property?

If you rent your property to anyone at any time, the law requires you to obtain an Ocean City rental license and an OC noise control permit. This is to maintain the character of single-family residential districts and assure compliance with all laws,

ordinances and regulations, while also ensuring safe, healthy and habitable housing conditions in rental housing units.

Failure to obtain required permits can result in substantial fines.

Applications may be obtained at City Hall or by calling 410-289-8833. Properties that may be in violation of rental license, safety, building or health regulations should be reported to the P.R.E.S.S Committee at 410-289-8855.

MVA Mobile Office coming to OC

The ezMVA Mobile Office will be at the Ocean City Public Safety Building on 66th Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. as follows: March 7, April 11, May 9 and June 6.

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.

Upcoming events in Ocean City

For more information on the following events, call 800-626-2326 or go to www.ococean.com.

- **March 11:** St. Patrick's Parade (Coastal Highway from 57th to 45th streets) and Festival (45th Street Shopping Center).
- **April 14-15:** Easter Kids Fun Fair & Arts & Crafts Show.
- **April 15:** OC Job Fair.
- **April 22:** Boardwalkin' for Pets.
- **April 28-30:** Maryland International Kite Expo.
- **April 28-30:** Ward World Championship Carving Competition.
- **April 29:** OC Island to Island Marathon/5K.
- **April 29:** OC Brew Fest.
- **May 4-7:** Springfest.
- **May 13:** Fight the Bite 5K.
- **May 13:** Rat Pack Together Again concert.
- **May 13-14:** Beachfest Volleyball Festival.
- **May 13-14:** OC Pickleball Tournament.
- **May 14:** Mother's Day Memorial 3-mile fun run/walk.
- **May 18:** Under the Streetlamp: doo-wop, Motown, rock and roll.
- **May 27-28:** Spring Arts & Crafts Show.
- **June 3:** ESA Summer Surf Series.
- **June 10-11:** Sand Duels Beach Soccer Challenge.
- **June 10-11:** OC Car & Truck Show.
- **June 17-18:** OC Air Show.
- **June 18-21:** Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention.
- **June 24-25:** Art's Alive.

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 provides 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.

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 also send cards to members who are moving out of the area, to let them know that we will miss them. We know that these attempts to reach out are appreciated when we receive a note of thanks in response.

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.

Sympathy is extended to Ann Gough and her family on the loss of her great-grandson, Vincent. Get well wishes were sent to Julie Valcourt, who underwent knee surgery. Sympathy is extended to the family of Isabelle Velenosky.

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.

Hospitality 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 at auntbeau@msn.com.

The cost of a membership is \$20 per year. That entitles members to admission to the June 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 email notifications regarding important events (hurricanes, road repairs, e.g.) in the community.

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.

2017 events in the neighborhood

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

- **March 22:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **April 8:** Fiesta Park spring clean-up, 10 a.m.
- **April 26:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **May 24:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **June 24:** Picnic, noon-3 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date June 25.
- **June 28:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **July 1** (approximate): Newsletter mailing.
- **July 8:** Caine Woods yard sales, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Rain date July 9.
- **July 26:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Aug. 1:** National Night Out, 6-8 p.m., Fiesta Park.
- **Aug. 23:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.

- **Aug. 26:** Picnic, membership meeting, election of officers, 4-6 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date Aug. 27.
- **Sept. 23:** Charity special event, TBA.
- **Sept. 27:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Oct. 25:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Nov. 1** (approximate): Newsletter mailing.
- **Dec. 5:** Caroling & holiday party, 6:30 p.m., Elks Club.

Drop off your old drugs at OCPD

Don't know what to do with those old medications that have been hiding in the back of your medicine cabinet for months, or even years?

Take them to the drug drop-off box in the lobby of the Public Safety Building on 65th Street bayside. They will be disposed of properly, no questions asked.

OCPD reminder: Lock your vehicles

The Ocean City Police Department reminds residents and visitors to lock their vehicles after a series of vehicle break-ins throughout the resort. All of the vehicles involved were left unlocked at the time of the incident.

Citizens should also take the following steps to avoid becoming a victim:

- Never leave valuables in a vehicle. If items are left in plain sight inside a vehicle, the chances of a vehicle break-in increase dramatically.
- Place items out of sight before reaching your destination. Criminals may be watching while you hide valuables under a seat or in the trunk.
- Remove phone chargers, suction cups that hold GPS units, and other traces of any valuables.

- Ensure that alarms and anti-theft devices are working. These will act as deterrents and could decrease your chances of becoming a victim.

- Never leave keys in your vehicle. Even if you think they are well hidden, an experienced criminal knows the best hiding places.

Citizens who believe they may be a victim of a vehicle break-in should call local police immediately and avoid rummaging through the vehicle prior to the arrival of police.

Helpful websites

- Town of OC: www.oceancitymd.gov.
- OC Tourism: www.ococean.com.
- Sex offender website: www.dpscs.state.md.us.
- OC Police Department crime mapping: www.oceancitymd.gov/police.
- OC Volunteer Fire Company: www.ocvfc.com
- OC boardwalk webcam: www.ococean.com/explore-oc/oc-webcam.
- OC inlet webcam: www.oceancitymd.gov/oc/inlet-webcam.
- OC Performing Arts Center: www.ocmdperformingartscenter.com
- OC Chamber of Commerce: www.oceancity.org.

Caine Woods history: 1993-1994

In addition to our usual donations, we had a request for \$500 to help out after Hurricane Andrew for Ocean City. The board also voted to donate \$4,000 to Ocean City to go toward the building of North Surf Park. But because the facility will affect the nearby neighbors, the donation was made with the understanding that we could have a say in what facilities will be at the park.

Our insurance bill was approximately \$2,000 for 1993-1994. The previous year was the first time we could get insurance for the board members.

The association purchased a 36-inch gas grill for our picnics and voted to change the guest charge from \$5 to \$10. Discussion started about a picnic in September. The President's Appreciation Party for the officers and board was deleted from the budget; all volunteers who work to make Caine Woods a great place are appreciated.

The OC Police Department started a program in the fall of 1994 to familiarize civilians with the workings of the department and the criminal justice system. It took place one night a week for 13 weeks.

An off-duty policeman received a call on a Friday night about a peeping Tom on South Surf Road. Please, when you need police assistance, call the police department, not an off-duty cop!

The Delaware Department of Transport placed a sign on Route 54 that directed eastbound traffic onto 142nd Street through Caine Woods, as an alternative route to Coastal Highway. The board requested that DelDOT remove it.

DelDOT was considering ways to improve Route 54 because it often floods. One option to raise funds for the roadwork was to make Route 54 a toll road to all but Delaware residents.

Dorothy Brubach put together a welcome basket program for new residents of Caine Woods. She contacted real estate agents to ask that they let prospective buyers know we have an association.

April 16 was clean-up day, and the city provided bulk pickup. On April 29, the new Public Safety Building was dedicated. Plans were in place for the October dinner-dance at the Sheraton Hotel.

The city received a grant to have three bicycle patrol officers; Brett Case was assigned to Caine Woods. He offered to perform security checks of homes and provide suggestions on home security. The city was applying for a grant to provide portable telephones for the bicycle officers.

Discussion was under way for a third entry sign at the west end of 142nd Street.

— *Mary Ann LeMay, CWCA Historian*

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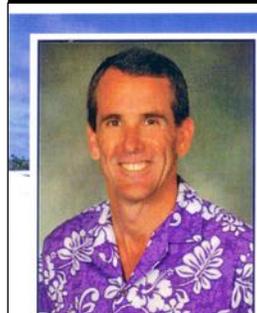
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The newsletter is published in March, July and November.

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

CWCA Membership Application/Renewal

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(Circle One) (First Name) (Spouse's First Name) (Last Name)

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