



Caine Woods Community Association

NEWSLETTER

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Message from CWCA President Joe Kostelac

Winter is gone and summer has returned! Since our last newsletter, we held our Fiesta Park clean-up April 6 — great job, everyone!

We also enjoyed our first summer picnic June 22. The weather was delightful and the food delicious. More than 200 neighbors, guests, OC Police and Fire personnel, the Worcester County Sheriff and other local officials enjoyed the day. Thanks to all the volunteers and board members, and especially our chefs — Stephan, Dennis, Lloyd and Cappy!

Tonja, Donna and Judy had a steady flow of picnic registrants. It was encouraging to see so many new faces!.

This year's recipient of our fund-raising efforts is Friends of Possibilities, a

summer camp for youths afflicted with juvenile diabetes. Representatives were on hand at the picnic to educate our members about their mission. They also raffled off three beautiful baskets, and we were able to raise \$315. We hope to add to the pot at each of our events this year.

Crab feast tickets are going fast! See a board member to get your tickets now.

Looking ahead, we will gather for National Night Out Tuesday, Aug. 6. This fun event is designed to promote community-police partnership. Also upcoming: the neighborhood-wide yard sales July 13 and our picnic Aug. 24. Look for details elsewhere in this newsletter, on our website and via our Facebook page.

Once again, welcome to our new neighbors! It's great to have you in our community. If you have any questions about our neighborhood, don't hesitate to email or call a board member. Contact information is listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

And so it is summer, the time we all love. Please remember this is the time when thousands of tourists from near and far descend on our town for sun, family fun and also employment. We ask you to be the ambassadors of our beautiful island life that we are blessed to call home.

Have a happy and safe summer, and I look forward to seeing you at all our upcoming events.

CWCA yard sales set for July 13

Start cleaning out your attics and closets! Our annual community-wide yard sale will be held Saturday, July 13, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, July 14.

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.

We will provide a list of addresses of those who are selling items. Please contact Donna Umbel at 410-250-5778 or jajaumbel@gmail.com to add your name to the list.

National Night Out Aug. 6

Join the Caine Woods community on Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Fiesta Park. Members of the OC Police Department will be there to answer any questions regarding Caine Woods. The event is open to the public.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, beverages and more will be provided; feel free to bring your favorite dessert. We will also have games and activities for the children. Volunteers are always needed to help out in coordinating the kids' games. You may want to bring your own chair.

There is no charge for this event, but due to our liability insurance, we ask that children be accompanied by an adult or guardian. Please contact Tonja Sas at 410-250-1046 or email cainewoods@verizon.net to volunteer or for more information.

And remember, turn on your outdoor lights and then join your neighbors for an enjoyable and informative evening.

End-of-summer picnic, election of board and officers Aug. 24

Join the fun Saturday, Aug. 24, at Fiesta Park for our end-of-summer picnic from 4 to 6 p.m. We'll have an array of food, plus plenty of beverages and music. The rain date is Aug. 25.

The CWCA general membership meeting and election of officers will take place at the picnic. Nominations from the floor may be made at the meeting, provided that prior consent of the nominee has been received by the corresponding secretary 10 days in advance. If you're interested in serving on the board, please contact any board member to be included in the election.

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

like to volunteer, contact Joe Kostelac at 410-250-5665 or email joekost@comcast.net.

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

CWCA crab feast fund-raiser Sept. 21

The Caine Woods Community Association will host a crab feast Saturday, Sept. 21, from 2 to 5 p.m., at Higgins Crab House on Coastal Highway at 128th Street. Proceeds from this event will go to Friends of Possibilities, a local non-profit that helps children with type 1 diabetes enjoy a week of summer camp.

The crab feast will feature all-you-can-eat crabs, fried chicken, corn on the cob, french fries, crab soup, cole slaw, draft beer and soft drinks. There will be a cash bar.

Tickets are \$35. Only a limited number of tickets will be sold; contact any CWCA officer or director to purchase them.

We also have some special surprises including raffles, a basket of cheer and door prizes.

Natural gas now available in parts of Caine Woods

Natural gas is now available in Caine Woods for those properties on or south of 141st Street. To limit disruption, the natural gas mains were installed while the roads were being repaved over the winter.

If you are already on propane, the transition to natural gas can be relatively easy, and a team of conversion specialists at Sandpiper Energy can walk you through the process, including potential cost savings and the environmental benefits.

Since 2016, more than 1,500 Ocean City residents have made the change to natural gas.

Sandpiper Energy is the natural gas provider for Worcester County and is a subsidiary of Chesapeake Utilities. Chesapeake Utilities was established in 1859 in Dover, DE, and is still based

there, with a customer service center in Salisbury and an operations center in West Ocean City.

Call Greg Denston at 410-834-7319 to learn more.

Beach wheelchairs available

The Town of Ocean City offers beach wheelchairs to those in need of assistance traveling across the sand. Chairs are located in locked boxes along the beach including at 139th and 145th streets. For access, see a lifeguard or call 410-520-5231 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Chairs may also be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis from the Visitors Center on 40th Street (410-289-2800). The chairs are bulky and you'll need a vehicle large enough to transport them. Also, you are responsible for safely storing the chairs once in your possession.

Have you paid your CWCA dues?

CWCA dues are payable each September and are \$20. If you receive this newsletter by mail and the date on the mailing label is 9/19, your dues expire this September. If you receive it by email and "expired" appears in the subject line, your dues have expired. Use the form in this newsletter to renew your membership, or go to www.cainewoodsoc.org and renew online.

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.

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

CWCA Membership Application/Renewal

Mr. Ms. M/M _____
(Circle One) (First Name) (Spouse's First Name) (Last Name)

Mailing Address: _____

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(If Different)

Telephone: Caine Woods: _____ Home: _____

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Please print clearly. We send all emails BCC and we do not share your email address with anyone.
Make checks payable to CWCA in the amount of \$20.00 and mail to: CWCA. P.O. Box 4681. Ocean City, MD 21843-4681

Fiesta Park clean-up April 6

CWCA members worked hard with their rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows at our annual Fiesta Park clean-up. We also cooked and served lunch to volunteers and city workers as thanks for their hard work over bulk pick-up weekend.



Upcoming CWCA events

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

- **July 13:** Caine Woods yard sales, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Rain date July 14.
- **July 24:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Aug. 6:** National Night Out, 5-7 p.m., Fiesta Park.
- **Aug. 24:** Picnic, membership meeting, election of officers, 4-6 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date Aug. 25.
- **Aug. 28:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Sept. 21:** Charity crab feast, 2-5 p.m., Higgins North Crab House.
- **Sept. 25:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Oct. 23:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Nov. 1 (approximate):** Newsletter mailing.
- **Dec. 10:** Caroling & holiday party, 6:30 p.m., Elks Club.

A successful kickoff picnic



More than 200 CWCA members, guests and local dignitaries enjoyed a perfect summer day June 22 for our first picnic of the season. Thanks to all who volunteered with setup, cooking, cleanup and other assistance!



Find Us On [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/CWCA) and [Nextdoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com)!

Beware of the latest phone scams involving the IRS, SSA

The Ocean City Police Department has seen an increase in a variety of phone scams, including those where a caller claims to represent the Internal Revenue Service. The caller will demand immediate payment for unpaid taxes and threaten arrest by local law enforcement if the victim does not comply.

Citizens have reported that the callers are very convincing, stating specific details about the victim or using false IRS identification badge numbers and titles. Often, scammers will alter the caller ID to make it seem as if the IRS is calling.

The IRS assures citizens that the agency does not call to demand immediate payment and will first mail a bill to any taxpayer who owes taxes. For more information, visit www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-scams-consumer-alerts.

Another scam involves phone calls from those who falsely claim to be from the Social Security Administration or a local, state or federal law enforcement agency. Most commonly, victims are advised that their Social Security number has been used to open numerous accounts or is involved in some sort of illegal operation.

Victims are told that to protect their money or to avoid being arrested, they must send money to resolve the situation. The most common forms of payment requested are prepaid gift cards, Bitcoin and bank wire transfers.

Scammers often manipulate caller IDs to display the number of the Social Security Administration.

For more information, visit the Federal Trade Commission's website at FTC.gov. Victims who have lost money in one of these scams are encouraged to file a report at their local law enforcement agency.

Caine Woods is on Facebook, Nextdoor

The Caine Woods Community Association is on Facebook! Just search for Caine Woods Community Association. We use the page to share announcements, photos and more.

Nextdoor.com, a free, private social network, is an easy way for you and your neighbors to talk online and make all of your lives better in the real world. To sign up, visit www.nextdoor.com and set up an account.

Both Facebook and Nextdoor can be helpful when you want to get the word out about a break-in, ask for help when a pet is lost, find a new home for an outgrown bike and much more.

To ensure delivery of our emails to your inbox, please add cainewoods@verizon.net and cwca@cainewoodsoc.org to your address book/contact list.

Caine Woods history: 1998-1999

CWCA officers for 1998 to 1999 were Carroll Wagner, president; Jack Nickels, vice-president; Richard Atkinson (replaced by Ellen Glagola, secretary; Tom Berry, treasurer (replaced by Tonja Sas), Margaret Sas, corresponding secretary; Margot Pierro, newsletter editor; Stan Buddenbohn, auditor. Board members were Robert Bowman, Jack Kennedy, Karl May, Tom Neidenbach, Laura Rosenblatt and Jeannette Tressler.

Pat Moran reported the new director of OC Recreation and Parks thinks the Beautification Committee has planted enough trees along 142nd Street. She states 10 more trees are needed at \$150 with a plaque.

Tonja reported there were 204 non-renewals. The next newsletter will contain a renewal application.

The treasurer reported that the one-year CD at Taylor Bank would soon roll

over. The hospitality committee needed items to include in the welcome baskets. Also, it is difficult to deliver welcome baskets when the new property owners are not here all the time.

Neighborhood Watch block captains were soon to vote for the Officer of the Year. The block captain banquet will be in February. The board approved sending \$200 to the OC Emergency and Disaster Committee to distribute to the proper agencies to help flood victims. Also, \$50 was sent to Cedar Chapel School since there were children living in Caine Woods who attended the school.

There were many reports of cars that had been broken into; some were unlocked. Members were urged to lock cars and homes.

The dedication of trees on 142nd Street was held April 15. City Arborist Greg Purnell was commended on his

exemplary job. Caine Woods received a Silver Plant Award from the Maryland Forest Council April 17.

April's guest speaker was Dave Wilson from the Maryland Coastal Bays Program. Don Berger offered to be the CWCA liaison to the CBP.

The annual yard sale was June 26 in Fiesta Park.

A consensus of the Caine Woods Board was that no dogs would be allowed at our picnics.

Kenny Allen and crew did a great job on the bull roast in June. Margaret Sas asked Mayor Jim Mathias about getting running water at the park to make cleanup easier.

There was one party for National Night Out on Aug 3, instead of six small neighborhood parties.

— *Mary Ann LeMay,*
CWCA Historian

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.

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 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.

Our deepest sympathies to Phyllis Nail on the loss of her husband, Wayne. Thinking-of-you cards were sent to Eddie Umbel, Linda Gaither, Svetla Encheva and William Dotts.

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.

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 do not share your email address with anyone.

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.

Hospitality welcomes new residents

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. We also explain the benefits of joining the association and describe the many activities that go along with membership.

If you know of a new neighbor, please contact Joe Kostelac at 410-250-5665 or email joekost@comcast.net.

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.

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:

- Cathy and John Freeman, 143rd Street.
- Irene Armstrong-Zangla, 143rd Street.
- Mary and Fred Galemore, 141st Street.
- Lisa and Butch Gee, Sand Dune Road.
- JoAnn and Dwight King, Fountain Road.
- Kathy and Jim Tibururzi, Sea Captain Road.
- Donna and King Hott, 143rd Street.
- Catherine and Jorge Delgado, Derrickson Avenue.
- Lucy and Randy Coburn, Seaweed Lane.
- Deborah and Martin Insogna, 142nd Street.
- Joanne and John Moran, 142nd Street
- Kathleen Niepsey, Fiesta Road.
- Karen and Richard Chase, Laurel Avenue.
- Rita and John Strumke, Twin Tree Road.
- Linda and Anthony Palaigos, 140th Street.
- Linda and John Sabelhaus, Sea Captain Road.
- Jenny and Tony Foster, Sailing Road.

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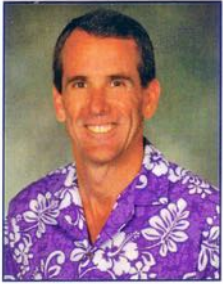
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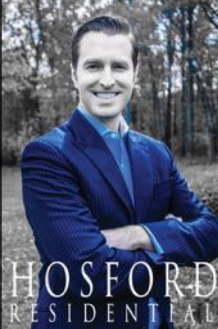


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The cost is \$30 for CWCA members, \$50 for non-members. The newsletter is published in March, July and November.

For more information, call or email Joe Kostelac at 410-250-5665 or joekost@comcast.net.

Christmas caroling, party Dec. 10

All are welcome to share the Christmas spirit Tuesday, Dec. 10, and join our group of carolers as we ride around Caine Woods in a tram or bus provided by the Town of Ocean City.

Carolers will meet at the Elks Club on 138th Street in OC at 6:30 p.m. to sign in and pick up song sheets and candles. The bus will leave at 7 p.m.

The Christmas party begins when the carolers return around 8 p.m. The Elks will serve a variety of food. Desserts are welcomed; please list the ingredients in case someone may be allergic to any of the ingredients.

The CWCA will help collect money and toys for the OC Police Department's toy drive. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy and/or a check or cash to the party and help others during this holiday season.

If you know someone who would enjoy a visit from the carolers, contact Irene Hansen at 410-250-1154 or iah317@aol.-com.

OCPD warns of computer scams

The Ocean City Police Department recently received a report of a computer support scam. More specifically, scammers are

using spoof phone numbers claiming to be Apple Support. The scam started with an automated call showing Apple's logo, address and legitimate Apple phone number that warns the user to return the call because of a data breach. The victim then called the 1-866 number and was asked to pay for support through either a wire transfer or gift cards.

According to detectives, a recent indicator from scammers is the request to purchase Google Play Cards and have the victim send the information from the card to the scammer.

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 only accepts 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, contact the OCPD at 410-723-6610.



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