

Caine Woods Community Association

NEWSLETTER

July 2020

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Message from CWCA President Joe Kostelac

Wow, what a spring. The coronavirus pandemic has taken over our lives. It forced the cancellation of some of our board meetings and our June picnic.

July has cracked the window open a bit, so watch your email for the status of upcoming events.

I am very hopeful that we will be able to gather again for our picnic Aug. 29.

Our charity crab feast will be different this year due to the pandemic, but you and your friends can still enjoy an allyou-can-eat feast at either Higgins Crab House locations.

Here's how it works this year: After purchasing your tickets, you will be able

to sit down at either HIggins Crab House locations anytime in September or October, except Saturdays after 4 p.m., and depending on which location is open at your chosen time. You must make a reservation, and tables will be limited to no more than six patrons per table.

While we will not be able to host a gathering of 300 crab-pickers all together as we have in the past, the menu will remain the same and includes regular draft beer. For tickets or more information, please call or email me or any board member.

This year's charity is the Ocean City Police Department's scholarship fund

and other local OC nonprofit organizations.

At our August picnic meeting, we will elect officers for the coming year. If you are interested in serving as an officer or director, please call or email Julie Valcourt at 301-908-7789 or jvalcourt@gmail.com.

It has been my honor to serve as your president for the past three years. I appreciate the support and encouragement you have given me, and I know you will extend the same to my successor.

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

CWCA yard sales set for July 11

Start cleaning out your attics and closets! Our annual community-wide yard sale will be held Saturday, July 11, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, July 12.

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.

End-of-summer picnic, election of board and officers Aug. 29, we hope

The CWCA board continues to monitor the restrictions on activities as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. But we're hopeful the end-of-summer picnic can be held with modifications. As of this writing, the event will be held Saturday, Aug. 29, at Fiesta Park from 4 to 6 p.m. As we get closer, we will send out an e-blast with details, so please keep checking your email for updates.

The CWCA general membership meeting and election of officers will take also 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.

The picnic is the perfect time to pay your CWCA dues, which are due in September.

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.

Crab feast fund-raiser has been modified

Because of restrictions in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have modified how we will hold our fund-raiser that benefits local charities.

Instead of having our usual sellout crab feast at Higgins Crab House, you will now choose when you'd like to enjoy an all-you-can-

eat crab feast, including draft beer, at either Higgins location (depending on their hours) in September or October.

Once you purchase your \$40 ticket in advance, you make a reservation for any day in September or October (except Satur-

days after 4 p.m.). Per state regulations, no more than six patrons can sit at one table, and reservations are a must. To purchase tickets, contact any board member; contact information is listed on the last page of this newsletter.

While we won't be able to gather in a large crowd as we have in the past, we will still be able to raise funds for the OC Police Department's scholarship fund and other local charities.

We hope members and their friends will continue to support our charitable work, and we thank Bob Higgins and his crew for working with us to formulate an alternate plan this year!

Dues are due each September

CWCA dues are payable each September and are \$20. If you receive this newsletter by mail and the date on the mailing label is 9/20, your dues will expire in September. Please use the form in this newsletter to renew your membership and print your email address.

If your email address changes, please email us at: cainewoods@verizon.net.

Need help during the pandemic? Your neighbors are on call!

If you need a grocery or pharmacy run during these trying times but are hesitant to be in a crowd, the officers and board members of the Caine Woods Community Association are just a phone call or email away. We may not be able to find toilet paper, but we surely can get bread and milk.

Our telephone numbers and email addresses are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

OCPD offers bike registration program

The Ocean City Police Department offers a free bicycle registration program for all residents of Ocean City as a deterrent to crime and to promote safety.

When officers find abandoned bikes, they take them to the Public Safety Building for safe-keeping. If the bike is registered, officers will quickly return the bike to its registered owner.

To register your bike and receive a registration decal, visit www.oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/police/programs or call 410-723-6610.

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 numerous 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) and the Public Safety Building on 65th Street (410-723-6610). Remember, 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.

What to do if you smell gas

Natural gas and propane are odorless by nature, so for safety's sake, an odorant called mercaptan is added so that you will know if gas is escaping and recognize that a potentially dangerous situation may exist.

Natural gas and propane that have escaped can enter locations (including properties that don't have natural gas service) by migrating and entering through openings.

So, if you ever detect a "rotten egg" smell in or near your home or place of business, take the following precautions:

- Leave your home or building immediately.
- Immediately call your local emergency number (911) from a cell phone outside the home or building, or from a neighboring location, to immediately report the suspected gas leak.
- Do not use your telephone, turn on or off the light switches, light a match or do anything that might create a spark or flame.
 - Do not re-enter the building where the leak is suspected until emergency professionals give the OK.

2020 CWCA events

These events are subject to change. Members will be notified via email of changes. For details, contact any board member.

- July 11, 2020: Caine Woods yard sales, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Rain date July 12.
- July 22, 2020: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m. Tiburon meeting room.
- Aug. 26, 2020: CWCA board meeting,
 7 p.m. Tiburon meeting room.
- Aug. 29, 2020: Picnic, membership meeting, election of officers, 4-6 p.m.
 Fiesta Park. Rain date Aug. 30. This event may be modified.
- Sept. 23, 2020: CWCA board meeting,
 7 p.m. Tiburon meeting room.
- Oct. 28, 2020: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m. Tiburon meeting room.
- Nov. 1, 2020 (approximate): Newsletter mailing.
- Dec. 8, 2020: Caroling & holiday party,
 6 p.m., Elks Club.

Pollinator garden has blossomed!



Vance Row, chairperson of the CWCA Beautification Committee, has been working hard on the Fiesta Park pollinator garden. Last fall, he constructed the garden and planted the first plants.

He has now added flowers and more perennials, a bird bath and bird feeders.

Thanks to his efforts and the assistance of Gail Blazer with the Town of Ocean City, the Maryland PLANT Community Awards Program awarded Caine Woods with a Bronze Award!





Caine Woods history: 2001-2002

Officers of the Caine Woods Community Association for 2001-2002 were Glenn Steckman, president; Lloyd Martin, vicepresident; Tonja Sas, treasurer; Robert LeMay, secretary; Margaret Sas, corresponding secretary; Christine Selzer, newsletter editor; M. Wayne Barbour, auditor.

Board members were Henry Ammerman, Jim Aschenbach, Frank Buscemi, Ellen Glagola, Gladys Handy, Irene Hansen, Fran Kennedy, Jack Nickels, Mark Paddack, Agnes Schaper and Jeannette Tressler.

A donation of \$40 was made to the OC Fire Department in memory of Ron Piero, and a \$500 donation was made to the Delmarva Sept. 11 disaster fund-raiser.

Mailing Address:

The board voted to change the dates of future board meetings from the third Thursday to fourth Wednesday of each month.

The president reported that improvements to Route 54 will begin soon.

The Town of Ocean City was working on a transit station with park and ride capabilities, similar to the one in West OC. The vacant parcel fronting Coastal Highway at 144th Street was being considered. The parcel was owned by the Diocese of Wilmington.

The city was discussing improving 139th Street and 141st Street with narrower streets and wider sidewalks.

The board discussed having paid advertisements in the newsletter, but the idea

was later discarded because of taxation liability.

The community sign at 142nd Street and Dukes Avenue was damaged; Agnes Schaper painted it once it was repaired.

In May, the Cruisers left tire marks on 139th Street, which could not be cleaned up. People staying at the Fenwick Inn and at a home on 139th Street caused so many problems in the wee hours of the morning that the police were called.

The CWCA agreed to help the Little Salisbury neighborhood oppose a boat slip project at 85th-86th Streets, which is wetlands.

Mary Ann LeMay,
 CWCA Historian

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CWCA Membership Application/Renewal Mr. Ms. M/M (Circle One) (First Name) (Spouse's First Name) (Last Name)

Caine Woods Address: _______, Ocean City, MD 21842

(If Different)

Telephone: Caine Woods: ______ Home: _____

Email Address: _____

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

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

Irene Hansen 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 Irene at 410-250-1154 or iah317@aol.com and she will send a card.

Our deepest sympathies to Dennis Dare and his family on the loss of his mother.

Condolences also to the Green family and the entire Ocean City Police Department on the loss of Sgt. Charles (Chip) Green, a member of the Mounted Patrol.

And we send our thanks to Donna Umbel for her years of service on the CWCA board of directors.

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.

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 Vance Row, 410-726-2469; v.row@comcast.net.

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 Julie Valcourt at 410-908-7789 or email javalcourt@gmail.com.

The cost of a membership is \$20 per year. That entitles members to admission to our picnics, 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 do not share your email address with anyone.

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:

- Farah and Reza Maghsadi, Sinepuxent Avenue.
- Susan and Jeff Williams, 144th Street.
- Jamie and Tim Jones, 142nd Street.
- Sharon Dennison and Stephen Perry, Sailing Road.

Remember, dues are due in September. Please renew your membership using the form on Page 4, or pay at the August picnic.

Service Directory



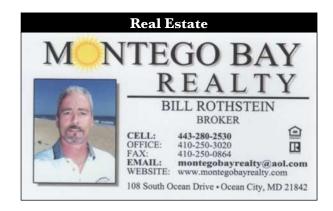












Want to advertise?

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.

Keep an eye on overhanging trees, shrubs

Please be aware that the Town of Ocean City periodically inspects trees and shrubbery throughout the town to ensure that landscaping does not impede the public right-of-way for passage.

The city's guidelines call for trees that overhang public sidewalks to have a 7-foot clearance, while those overhanging public streets must have a 14-foot clearance

Those in violation are subject to fines and other penalties as described in the city code. For more information, call the OC Recreation and Parks Department at 410-250-0125.

Beauty Spot Award nominees sought; deadline is July 5

Ocean City's Beautification Committee is accepting nominations for the 2020 Beauty Spot Awards.

The categories include residential, condominium, retail, hotel, motel, commercial, restaurant and Boardwalk.

Only nominated properties will be judged, and the Beautification Committee is asking for the public's help in finding those special properties that are evidence of civic pride and community beauty.

"A property can be nominated by anyone, including the resident or owner of a residence or business, a relative, neighbor, friend, customer or just a passerby," said Beautification Committee Chairperson Donna Greenwood. "Once all nominations are in, the Beautification Committee will travel around town to view all the nominated properties and will judge them based on plants, flowers, trees, shrubbery, grasses, design, layout, etc. that complement the property."

Even those properties with little or no ground in which to plant can use containers, planters, window boxes, hanging baskets or something else to improve the

curbside appeal of their property can be nominated.

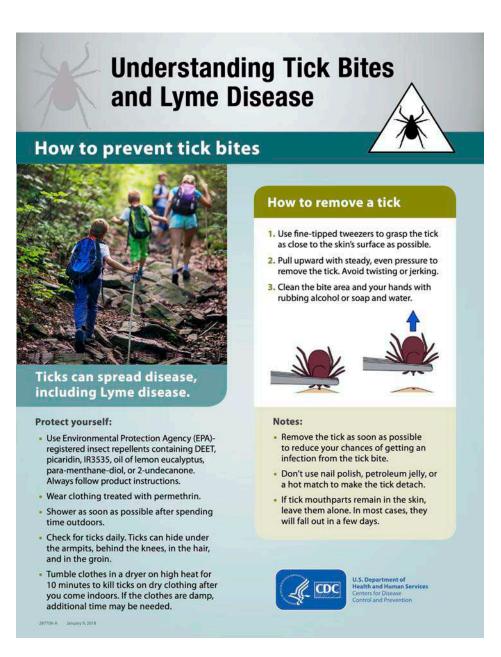
Also, those who make an effort to beautify unattractive areas such as dumpsters, electric boxes, etc., can be recognized. The winners, with their awards, will be presented in the fall at a Mayor and City Council meeting.

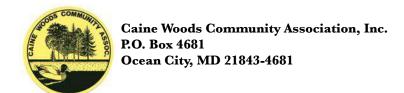
To nominate a property, call Greenwood at 410-289-7060 or email your nomination to ocbeautification@hotmail.com before the July 5 deadline. Please include the property owner's name, correct street address and a contact phone number, as well as your name with a phone number.

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.





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Please contact any officer or director with any information or concerns you may have, especially information that should be shared with CWCA members.

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