

Caine Woods Community Association

NEWSLETTER

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Message from CWCA President Julie Valcourt

I am so happy that spring is around the corner because it has been brutally cold with plenty of snow this winter.

Due to the extreme weather, there have been a lot of frozen and broken pipes.

Please be careful when turning your water on for the first time if you've been away. And it's important for you to know where your shutoff valve is.

It's time to get ready for spring cleaning, and the Town of Ocean City will have its annual free bulk pickup weekend April 11-12. See more details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Also on that same Saturday, we will be cleaning up Fiesta Park beginning at 10 a.m., with a small picnic to follow. The more people we have, the faster we finish — and then it's time to kick back and visit with your neighbors at our lovely Fiesta Park. Please come join us; it's really a lot of fun!

Camp Possibilities was selected as this year's charity by the CWCA board of directors and officers. This local group sends area children living with diabetes to a camp for one week, with medical staff and counselors on hand to ensure

their safety while allowing the kids to have fun and enjoy normal activities. You can learn more about the charity and speak with some members when they attend our summer events in Fiesta Park. Please come out and support Camp Possibilities while visiting with your neighbors and having a good time!

Check this newsletter for the dates and times for all of our upcoming events.

I look forward to seeing all of you throughout the summer.

CWCA selects Camp Possibilities

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

At its Feb. 25 meeting, the officers and board selected Camp Possibilities as this year's charity. Since 2002, this non-profit has been enriching the lives of children with diabetes. Often, because of the complexity of diabetes management, these kids do not get the chance to go

This year, the group hopes to send 95 children to a weeklong camp where the kids can enjoy swimming, fishing, arts and crafts, sports and more in a medically safe environment.

Camp Possibilities is hosting a spaghetti dinner Saturday, March 21, 5-8 p.m., at St. Peter's Lutheran Church at 103rd Street bayside, Ocean City. Tickets to this fundraiser are \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 12 and under.

We look forward to working with this group and hope to have a successful fundraising effort in 2015!

In memoriam: Jack Taylor

to a summer camp.

The Caine Woods Community Association is sad to report the loss a long-time resident and friend Jack Taylor, who died Jan. 21 at home. Jack and his wife, Lorraine, have called Caine Woods home for many years.

Jack served our association well, including two terms as vice president. He was a familiar face at our picnics, always arriving early to organize supplies and equipment, assist in food preparation, and staying late to help clean up after the events.

The CWCA made a monetary donation to Believe in Tomorrow in Jack's memory.

Please keep Lorraine and the Taylor family in your thoughts and prayers.

Fiesta Park clean-up April 11

In conjunction with the Town of Ocean City's annual bulk pickup project April 11-12, the Caine Woods Community Association will hold its traditional spring clean-up of Fiesta Park Saturday, April 11, 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. In the past, a crew of up to 20 completed the clean-up in about two hours.

Route 50 Bridge repairs in March

The Route 50 Bridge into Ocean City will undergo significant



repairs stemming from a mechanical failure that shut down the bridge for more than 24 hours last summer.

Starting March 4, a Maryland State Highway Administration contractor will begin repairing the mechanical systems of the bridge. Crews will close the right lane on the

eastbound side between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., with an occasional continuous single right lane closure for 24 hours. The work should be completed by the end of March, weather permitting.

There will be no repairs during the period of March 13-16, for St. Patrick's Day. Drivers will be able to use the left lane throughout the repair process. Motorists should consider using Route 90 as an alternate route.

MVA Mobile Office coming to town

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 10; Tuesday, April 14; Tuesday, May 19, and Tuesday, June 9.

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.

Picnic June 27 at Fiesta Park

The annual Caine Woods summer kick-off picnic will be held Saturday, June 27, at Fiesta Park from noon to 4 p.m. The rain date is June 28.

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 Camp Possibilities.

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

National Night Out Aug. 4

Join the Caine Woods community on Tuesday, Aug. 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Fiesta Park. Members of the OC Police Department will be there to answer any questions regarding Caine Woods.

This is your opportunity to express your concerns about crime or other police-related issues. 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. We should have enough picnic tables, but 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.

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!

Report streetlight outages online

Delmarva Power has launched a new online system for reporting streetlight outages. To report a streetlight that isn't working, visit www.delmarva.com and follow these steps:

- Click on "my home."
- Click on "report an outage or safety hazard."
- Click on "report streetlight outage."

You will need to provide your name and contact information, as well as either an address or the utility pole number of the affected light. You can also provide a message if additional detail is needed to relay important information to Delmarva Power.

Delmarva Power will provide an update on the status of the reported streetlight using the email address provided.

Have your property monitored by the OCPD while you're away

If you are a year-round resident and plan on being away from home for a while, you can subscribe to the Ocean City Police Department's residential security check program. Call the OCPD at 410-723-6610 or go to www.oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/police/programs for more information.

Spring clean-up weekend offers free bulk pickup

The Town of Ocean City is once again offering a great opportunity for residential property owners to do their spring-cleaning by offering free residential bulk pickup Saturday and Sunday, April 11-12. Ocean City also will offer a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, April 11, at Northside Park.

Ocean City's bulk pickup service is a convenient way to get rid of large household items such as furniture, appliances, bicycles, carpet, etc., that cannot normally be loaded into a standard refuse truck. Building materials yard debris will also be picked up.

Place items curbside on Friday, April 10, for Saturday pickup from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday pickup from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you need assistance getting heavy or bulky items to the curb for pickup, please contact any CWCA board member and we'll do our best to assist you.

There will also be an amnesty program to collect fireworks, old ammunition and old weapons. For more information, call Solid Waste at 410-524-0318.

Ocean City's community yard sale will be held Saturday, April 11, from 7 a.m. to noon at the Northside Park parking lot, 125th Street. Vendor spots are available for residents and property owners only. The cost is \$15 per double space.

No retail merchandise will be permitted for sale, and no personal or professional services are permitted for sale. Other excluded items include cars, trucks and any powered wheel conveyance; boats, snowmobiles, firearms, martial arts weapons, alcohol, paint, hazardous chemicals, food, produce, beverages or any other items which may be deemed inappropriate on public property. Raffles are not allowed.

For more information on the community yard sale, call 410-250-0125.

Caine Woods history: 1988

On Feb. 16, 1988, the Town of Ocean City approved the development of Fiesta Park as a passive park for conditional use.

On May 14, Mayor Fish Powell and Councilmen Jim Hall, Glenn Steckman and John Trumpower joined city employees and Caine Woods Association members in cleaning up the park.

Mayor Powell cut down a large, dead tree; volunteers picked up trash, removed briars and poison ivy and cleared out two wide trails. Benches, trash cans and bridges over the park's stream were installed in appropriate places.

Charlie Burger and Caine Woods Association volunteers provided lunch to all who helped out.

Signs Illustrated donated a large sign for the 141st Street park entrance. Through the years, Caine Woods Community Association has made good use of the park.

Also in May, a proposed miniature golf course on the block bounded by



139th and 140th streets and Sinepuxent Avenue was contested. Caine Woods members turned out in force to object. The Planning and Zoning Board deferred its decision and the application was ultimately withdrawn.

In July 1988, 23 of the 26 property owners living on the lagoon bounded by 139th Street and Loop Road agreed to share costs of dredging with the city. Conditions had become so bad that boaters could get out into the bay only at high tide, and if they

stayed out too long, they couldn't get back in.

The problem was caused in part by the failure to bulkhead some lots, and by sand entering the lagoon through the city's storm drains.

The Board of Port Wardens agreed to start the process with the city's ordinance for dredging.

The Crime Watch program was on a back burner since Laura Healey resigned from the Ocean City Police Department. Barry Neeb replaced her, but he was not yet familiar with our crime prevention program. Bicycle thefts had plagued Caine Woods.

Fred Schneeman, art director for Channel 11, hoped to be able to get a flag with the Caine Woods logo. Past attempts to get a flag with our logo were too costly.

The end of 1988 saw proceedings against allowing a child care provider to operate within a single-family home in Caine Woods.

Mary Ann LeMay,
 CWCA Historian

Carolers provide a musical night to neighbors



We had a nice turnout at the caroling party Dec 3. CWCA members and friends went caroling around our neighborhood, then returned to the Elks Club for food and drink. Our thanks to the Town of Ocean City for providing the tram, and to the Elks Club for preparing and serving the food.

Letter of thanks: The following was sent to CWCA board member Judy Holler the day after the caroling event in December

Dear Judy,

I don't know if you were a part of the group last night; it was crazy with all the little kids running in the dark and I didn't expect such a large group of singers, but nonetheless, I wanted you (on behalf of all my friends) to forward our big THANK YOU to all the carolers that stopped

All the kids had a blast, especially when they realized Santa came to visit as well. We never told them why we are having the play date at my house, and they were all so overwhelmed with joy.

Stefan was standing in front of the whole group jumping when they started singing "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and was directing the singers. Later, he told me he was teaching them the words :)

So thank you again for your cooperation in making this happen. It was such a great experience for the little ones and us as well! Put us on the

Happy holidays!

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Calendar of Events

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

- March 25: CWCA board meeting,
 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- April 11: Fiesta Park spring clean-up, 10 a.m.
- April 22: CWCA board meeting,
 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- May 27: CWCA board meeting,
 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- June 24: CWCA board meeting,
 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- June 27: Picnic, noon-4 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date June 28.









- July 1 (approximate): Newsletter mailing.
- July 11: Caine Woods yard sales, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Rain date July 12.
- July 22: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- Aug. 4: National Night Out, 6-8 p.m., Fiesta Park.
- Aug. 22: End-of-summer picnic, general membership meeting,

- election of officers, 4-6 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date Aug. 23.
- Aug. 26: CWCA board meeting,
 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Sept. 23:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Sept. 26:** Charity crab feast, 2-5 p.m., Higgins Crab House North.
- Oct. 28: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- Nov. 1 (approximate): Newsletter mailing.

Blue Angels, Raptor at OC Air Show

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels will make their inaugural performance at the Ocean City Air Show, June 13-14, over the beach and boardwalk.

The Blue Angels' C-130, affectionately known as Fat Albert, begins each demonstration by showcasing its maximumperformance capabilities. The show continues with the aerobatic maneuvers of the four-jet Diamond Formation, along with the fast-paced, high-performance



maneuvers of two solo pilots. Finally, the precision flying team performs maneuvers locked as a unit in the renowned six-jet Delta Formation.

The show will also feature a demonstration of the U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor, the most advanced fighter aircraft in the world today. The Raptor's combination of stealth, supercruise, maneuverability, and integrated avionics, coupled with improved supportability, represents an exponential leap in fighter aircraft capabilities.

Neighborhood Watch Associations recognize OCPD personnel

The eight Neighborhood Watch Associations of Ocean City gathered with Ocean City Police Department employees at the Stowaway Grand Hotel Jan. 30 for the annual Officer of the Year ceremony.

Nearly 150 guests recognized OCPD personnel who had retired, been promoted or received special commendations in 2014 and ultimately recognized the 2014 Officer of the Year. In

addition to the officers, the valuable contributions of several citizens were also noted at the event.

Detective First Class James Rodriguez was named the 2014 Officer of the Year. Also nominated were Pfc. Nathan Kutz, Pfc. Matthew MacFarlane, Ofc. Daniel McBride, Pfc. Aaron Morgan and Cpl. Todd Speigle.

Rodriguez, originally from New York, began his career with the OCPD as a seasonal officer in 2000. He was hired as a fulltime officer in 2002. Rodriguez was assigned to the Patrol Division until 2007, when he became a detective with the Criminal Investigation Division Major Crimes Unit.

Nicholas Forsyth, Trevor Greenawalt, Matthew MacFarlane, Sean McHugh and Kory Moerschel were recognized for their promotion to police officer first class. Former Public Safety Aids Jennifer Albert, Ashley Clark, Susan Dickerson, Jenna McGoogan and Damian Priznar have been appointed police custody officers after completing their training at the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy.

Upcoming events in Ocean City

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

- March 14: St. Patrick's Day Parade (Coastal Highway, 57th-45th streets) and Festival (45th Street shopping center).
- March 20-22: Home, Condo & Outdoor Show, OC Convention Center.
- April 3-4: Easter Fair, Arts & Crafts Show, OC Convention Center.
 - May 7-10: Springfest, OC Inlet.
 - May 14-17: Cruisin' Ocean City, townwide.
 - June 13-14: OC Car & Truck Show, OC Convention Center.
 - June 24: Firemen's Parade, Baltimore Avenue.
 - June 27-28: Art's Alive, Northside Park.

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 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 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@aol.com and she will send a card.

Get-well cards were sent to Michael Kelly and Una Carew.

Our condolences to the family of Joyce Weeks, the family of Fran Nickels, and the family of Jack Taylor.

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.

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:

- Tracie and Lee Sturgill, Sailing Road.
- Carol and Carey Linton, 141st Street.
- Katie and Corey Rimel, Tunnel Avenue.
- · Amy and Vance Row, Sailing Road.
- Maggie Koehler and Pete Danchak, Sea Captain Road.
- Christy and Bill Romansky, Fiesta Road.

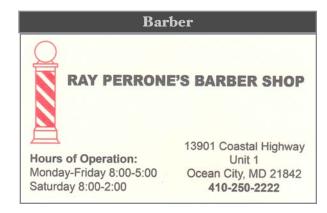
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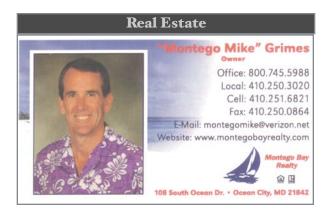
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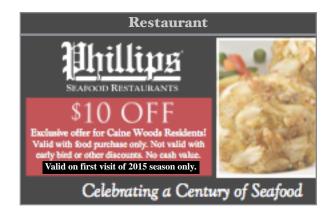




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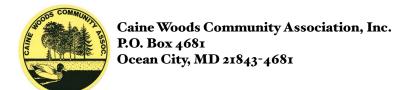








CWCA Membership Application/Renewal Mr. Ms. M/M (Circle One) (First Name) (Spouse's First Name) (Last Name) Mailing Address: Caine Woods Address: (If Different) Telephone: Caine Woods: Please print clearly. We send all emails BCC and we do not share your email address with anyone. Make checks payable to CWCA in the amount of \$20.00 and mail to: CWCA, P.O. Box 4681, Ocean City, MD 21843-4681



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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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