

Caine Woods Community Association

NEWSLETTER

November 2015

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Message from CWCA President Julie Valcourt

The summer is over and the holiday season is quickly approaching. It's a time to be with friends and family and to celebrate the many blessings bestowed upon us. It's also a time to give thanks and reflect on the past year.

I'd like to thank everyone on the board of directors and all the volunteers who helped out this year with the picnics and special events. It's nice to have that camaraderie of working together to accomplish our goals.

Special thanks to Lloyd, Dennis and Liz for assisting me with my first year as president. Your knowledge and guidance are much appreciated.

Our charity this year was Camp Possibilities, and we were able to raise \$5,400 to this worthy charity. Thanks to everyone for coming out and supporting the group and having some fun at the same time. The crab feast at Higgins saw a great turnout, and Joe Kostelac did an awesome job organizing the event, as always.

The fun is not over yet because we still have the Christmas caroling party. Meet us at the Elks Club at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 2, and join in while we ride around the neighborhood singing and bringing cheer to everyone. It's so fun and it really gets you in the Christ-

mas spirit. The Elks will provide drinks and refreshments after the caroling; feel free to bring something yummy to share. We will also be collecting an unwrapped gift and cash donations to help make a child's Christmas a little brighter.

Just a reminder that we will not have our association meetings in November or December. The next meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. at the Tiburon. All members are welcome.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season! I hope to see you at the caroling party. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or any board member.

CWCA seeks charity organization

Each year, the CWCA selects a local charity and then raises money through the year to donate to that organization. The CWCA officers and board members are currently seeking proposals from local charities that would like to be considered for our 2016 fund-raising efforts.

We are seeking charities that have an impact on the local community. The charity must be willing to participate in our fund-raising endeavors at our activities.

The 2015 charity, Camp Possibilities, just received a donation of \$5,400. Since 2009, we have raised more than \$29,000 and donated to the N.O.E.L. Community (\$5,400), St. Peter's Lutheran Church Open Kettle Soup Kitchen (\$4,100), Message of Hope Cancer Fund (\$4,300), the Cricket Center (\$3,700), the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program (\$4,700) and Believe in Tomorrow (\$2,353).

To be considered, please call Julie Valcourt at 301-908-7789 or email cainewoods@verizon.net. <u>The deadline for applications is Jan. 15</u>.

CWCA election results

At the Aug. 22 end-of-summer picnic, the general membership voted to approve the 2015-2016 slate of officers, as follows:

President: Julia Valcourt. Vice-President: Joe Kostelac. Secretary: Monica Martin. Corresponding Secretary: Joan DeMarco. Treasurer: Tonja Sas. Immediate Past-President: Dennis Dare.

Board of Directors: Howard Caplan, Elizabeth Dare, Irene Hansen, Judy Holler, Mary Ann LeMay, Lloyd Martin, Barbara Schmitt, Rosalie Stuller, Donna Umbel.

Christmas caroling, party Dec. 2

All are welcome to share the Christmas spirit Wednesday, Dec. 2, 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. Des-

serts are welcomed; please list the ingredients in case someone may be allergic to any of the ingredients.

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



Stop sign locations to change on Sinepuxent Avenue

The Ocean City Transportation Commission identified Sinepuxent Avenue as part of the bike route master plan for the town. The street has a 60-foot right-of-way that can accommodate dedicated bike lanes without loss of parking. This would create an off-highway bike route between 130th and 146th streets.

Stop signs are currently placed on Sinepuxent Avenue at 11 of the 16 intersections. These frequent stops make the street difficult to bike; as a result, many cyclists (and car drivers as well) have been observed running the stop signs.

To make the street more functional for cyclists, the OC Mayor and Council recently approved changing the stop sign locations to the east/west sides of the intersections of 135th, 137th, 138th, 140th and 141st streets. This would eliminate stop signs on Sinepuxent *except* at streets that align with a traffic signal on Coastal Highway (roughly every 3 blocks).

Also, stripes will be added to the Sinepuxent Avenue pavement to indicate the dedicated bike lanes.

Takes steps to secure your home

We have had some suspicious activity and unwanted guests hanging around recently, and we urge everyone to make sure that your houses are secure. Please lock all doors and windows and we recommend that you have outside lighting, especially in the back yard. Motion-detector lights are particularly effective and efficient.

Please report *any* suspicious activity or persons to the police, using 911 or the non-emergency number, 410-723-6610.

If you 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 for more information.

Trash now collected Tuesdays only

The Town of Ocean City has implemented its winter schedule for waste-wheelers. Trash is now collected on Tuesdays only. Twice-weekly collection will resume May 10.

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.

Fire department: Every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm

Location matters when it comes to your smoke alarm. That's the message behind the National Fire Protection Association campaign, "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!"

Other important information about fire alarms:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they don't respond properly.
- Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the smoke alarm and understands what to do when they hear it.
- If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.
- Call the fire department from outside the home.

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Calendar of Events, 2015-2016

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

- **Dec. 2:** Caroling & holiday party, 6:30 p.m., Elks Club.
- Jan. 15: Deadline for applications for 2016 charity of the year.
- Jan. 27: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- Feb. 24: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room. Note: Presentations from charity applicants will be held at this meeting. The CWCA officers & board will then vote to determine the 2016 charity of the year.
- March 1 (approx.): Newsletter mailing.

- April 9: Fiesta Park spring clean-up,
- **April 27:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- May 25: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- June 22: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- June 25: Picnic, noon-3 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date June 26.
- July 1 (approx.): Newsletter mailing.
- July 9: Caine Woods yard sales, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Rain date July 10.
- July 27: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.

- Aug. 2: National Night Out, 6-8 p.m., Fiesta Park.
- Aug. 24: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- Aug. 27: Picnic, membership meeting, election of officers, 4-6 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date Aug. 28.
- Sept. 24: Charity special event, TBA.
- **Sept. 28:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- Oct. 26: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- Nov. 1 (approx.): Newsletter mailing.
- **Dec. 7:** Caroling & holiday party, 6:30 p.m., Elks Club.

\$5,400 for Camp Possibilities





Year-long fund-raising effort wraps up at Higgins Crab House

The seventh annual charity crab feast at Higgins Crab House North saw 270 attendees Sept. 26. This was the final fund-raiser of the year for the association's selected charity, Camp Possibilities. Over the past year, we raised \$5,400 for the organization.

Thanks to all the volunteers from the CWCA and Camp Possibilities who helped out! Special thanks go to the following who provided prizes and gifts:

- Higgins Crab House: Crab feast for 8.
- Jules Restaurant: Gift card.
- Toys R Us: Gift card.
- Warren's Station: Gift card.
- Crabcake Factory: Gift card.
- Marshall's: 2 gift cards.
- Mio Fratello's: Gift card.
- Peaky's: 2 gift cards.
- Billy's Pizza & Subs: Gift card.
- Creative Day Spa: Haircut and style.
- Ray Perrone's Barber Shop: Haircut.

- 120th Street/139th Street 7-Eleven:
 Beer and wine.
- Wine Men of Gotham: Basket of wine.
- Maui Golf: Golf passes.
- The Rimel and Frick families donated items for gift bags and baskets that were raffled off at our picnics over the last year, and several CWCA board members donated wine for the baskets of cheer.



Caine Woods Community Association board members present a donation of \$5,400 to Camp Possibilities: CWCA board members Donna Umbel, Dennis Dare, Julie Valcourt, Mary Ann Lemay, Joe Kostelac and Tonja Sas; Katie, Corey and Eric Rimel of Camp Possibilities; Alex Poriadime, John Oleksak and Ronald Baldwin of Higgins Crab House.

Letter of thanks

On behalf of Camp Possibilities, we were thrilled to be your selected charity this year. I It was more than we ever expected.

It makes was a selected the call from Tonja. It makes was a selected.

It makes me proud to live in such a caring community.

This will help some kids that never thought camp was possible be a reality.

A formal acknowledgment will be sent directly

Thank you for everything from the bottom of my heart.

Best Regards, Katíe Rímel

National Night Out • Aug. 4

National Night Out was another successful event at Fiesta Park, with 109 adults and 19 kids attending. My thanks to Howard, Dennis, Stefan, Lloyd, Monica, Julie, Mary Ann, Donna, Liz, my two auxiliary officers (Ann and Kim) and Ann's three grandkids for everything you all did!

— Tonja Sas, Area Coordinator









Caine Woods history: 1990

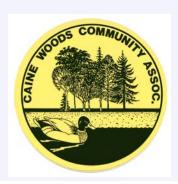
In June 1990, two new signs at the entrances to Caine Woods were dedicated by Ocean City Mayor Fish Powell and CWCA board members.

These signs, in the median strips of 136th and 142nd streets near Coastal Highway, welcome visitors to the neighborhood. The signs are in the same beige and green colors as the flags mentioned in the last newsletter.

A third sign was added later at the west end of 142nd Street by Dukes Avenue.

Joan Burger, chair of the Caine Woods Beautification Committee since its inception, announced she is stepping down from the position. In September 1990, a new board of directors took over: Richard Dix, president; Jeanette Tressler, vice-president; Pat Moran, secretary; Stanton Buddenbohn, treasurer.

Caine Woods gave financial support of \$500 to the planned Atlantic General



Hospital in Berlin, \$100 each to the Fraternal Order of Police for a children's safety handbook, the U.S. Coast Guard for its bi-centennial celebration, Coastal Hospice in memory of CWCA member Gordon Scharpf, and the Ocean City Paramedics. Cedar Chapel School for the Handicapped received \$50 to help finance a school newspaper.

To show its appreciation to the Tiburon Condominium Association for the use of its meeting room, the association donated two card tables and eight chairs.

Membership files were completed on computer under this board's watch.

- Mary Ann LeMay, CWCA Historian

End-of-summer picnic

Our thanks to Tina and Martin Jones of Tina & Martin Images for attending our picnic Aug. 22 at Fiesta Park and sharing their photos. We appreciate your contributions!









































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.

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.

Our condolences to Fran and Michael Kelly on the loss of her mother, and to Joe Coleman on the loss of his wife, Mary.

Get-well wishes were sent to Frieda Pawlukewicz.

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 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.

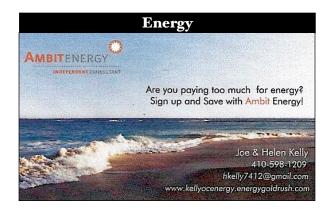
Members also receive timely notifications by email regarding important events (hurricanes, road repairs, etc.) in the community.

CWCA Budget 2015-2016 **Guest Donations** \$ 200.00 Interest Income 100.00 Membership Dues 6,000.00 **Newsletter Advertising** \$1.000.00 Transfer from Savings 500.00 **Total Revenues** \$7,800.00 **Expenses** \$ 250.00 Beautification **Caroling Party** 750.00 Charitable Donations: 400.00 Fire Department Paramedics Foundation 200.00 Other 100.00 End of Summer Picnic 1,100.00 Gift & Flowers Expenses 100.00 1,300.00 **Special Purchases** 250.00 Liability Insurance 800.00 National Night Out 600.00 **Newsletter Costs** 500.00 Office Supplies 200.00 Advertising 100.00 Postage/PO Box 400.00 Special Event Expenses 100.00 300.00 Spring Clean-Up **Tiburon Donation** 200.00 Website Expense 150.00 **Total Expenses** \$7,800.00

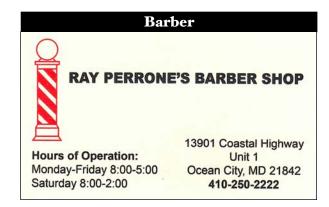
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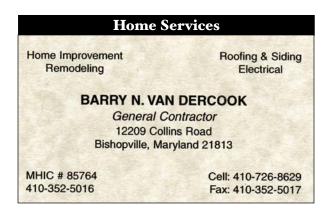








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Want to advertise?

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 21843-4681. The newsletter is published in March, July and November.

Restaurant Thillips SEAFOOD RESTAURANTS Thank you for a great season! We look forward to seeing you in the spring! Family Owned & Operated for Over a Century SEAFOOD HOUSE: 141ST STREET: 410.250.1200 PHILLIPSSEAFOOD.COM F/PHILLIPSSEAFOOD



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 iab317@aol.com.

CWCA Membership Application/Renewal

(Circle One)	(First Name)	(Spouse's First Name)	(Last Name)
Mailing Address:			
Caine Woods Address: (If Different)			, Ocean City, MD 21842
Telephone: Caine Woods:		Home:	
Email Address:			



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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:

- Maureen and Robert Linthicum, 136th Street.
- Jeane Kidwell and Dominic Giachino, Sea Captain Road.
- Karen and Richard Chase, Laurel Avenue.
- Lois and Douglas Thurston, Fountain Road.
- Brian Shane, 143rd Street.
- Page Hewitt, Tunnel Avenue.
- Jeanne Baker and Albert Cruz, 139th Street.
- Bernie McCormack, Kelly Road.
- Linda and Mark Dolan, North Surf Road.
- Joan and Bill Matters, 136th Street.

Caine Woods Community Association Executive Committee

President	Julie Valcourt	14007 Barge Road	301-908-7789	javalcourt@gmail.com
Vice President	Joe Kostelac	14002 Derrickson Avenue	410-250-5665	joekost@comcast.net
Secretary	Monica Martin	13520 Holly Lane	443-235-8942	lloydm119@gmail.com
Treasurer	Tonja Sas	211 144th Street	410-250-1046	tonjasas@verizon.net
Corresponding Secretary	Joan DeMarco	13501 Fiesta Road	410-250-0963	djoanoceancity@aol.com
Immediate Past President	Dennis Dare	14139 Sea Captain Road	410-250-1650	dennis1650@gmail.com

Caine Woods Community Association Board of Directors

Howard Caplan	211 144th Street	410-603-3543	cappy8213@mchsi.com
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Donna Umbel	203 140th Street	410-250-5778	jajaumbel@aol.com

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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