

Caine Woods Community Association

NEWSLETTER

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Message from CWCA President Julie Valcourt

What a great summer of events for 2016, and thankfully, the weather cooperated for all of our picnics.

The annual crab feast at Higgins Crab House North in September was awesome as well, and we had another sellout. I want to thank all of the volunteers who worked so hard; without you, we couldn't pull it off. Thank you so much.

Diakonia was the selected charity this year, and we raised \$5,100 for this very deserving organization. Our deepest thanks go to Bob Higgins and his staff

for allowing us to host our annual crab feast fund-raiser at the restaurant.

It's time for local charities to submit a letter to CWCA by Jan. 15 in order to be eligible for our 2017 charity selection. If you know of a local charity that would be able to participate in our events, have them submit a letter promptly.

Please make a note that **the date of our Christmas caroling party has been changed to Tuesday, Dec. 6**, at 6:30 p.m., at the Elks Club. We will get on a tram provided by the Town of Ocean

City and drive around the neighborhood singing Christmas carols for about an hour. We then will return to the Elks Club, where the fun continues with food and drink. We ask that you bring an unwrapped toy to be given to the many needy families with children in our area. I can't imagine a child waking up on Christmas morning without having a toy to open from Santa. And feel free to bring a dessert to share at the party.

I wish everyone a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

CWCA election results

At the Aug. 27 end-of-summer picnic, the general membership voted to approve the 2016-2017 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.

Please note the new date for Christmas caroling party: Tuesday, Dec. 6

All are welcome to share the Christmas spirit <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>Dec. 6</u>, 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 of allergies.

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

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 2017 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 2016 charity, Diakonia, just received a donation of \$5,100. Since 2009, we have raised approximately \$35,000 and donated to Camp Possibilities (\$5,400), 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>.

Every smoke alarm has an expiration date. What's yours?

The National Fire Protection Association's National Fire Alarm Code requires smoke alarms be replaced 10 years from the date of manufacture (not date of purchase).

Simply look on the back of the alarm where the date of manufacture is marked. Smoke alarms should be tested monthly, and batteries should be replaced once a year or when they begin to chirp, signaling that they're running low.

Gas service to be available in North OC

Chesapeake Utilities is currently tunneling under the bay in South Ocean City to extend natural gas service into town. The conversion of underground piped propane gas to natural gas will start downtown and work north over the next several years.

The company envisions completing the area from the inlet to approximately 18th Street by May 2017 and will then suspend conversion operations until the summer season is over.

The franchise with the Town of Ocean City requires Chesapeake to install proper piping for natural gas under city streets whenever the streets, for whatever reason, must be re-paved.

Much of Caine Woods does not currently have underground propane piping. Chesapeake is in the beginning stages of extending a gas main on 139th Street from Coastal Highway to the bay. Those property owners whose property will be affected will be notified by Chesapeake in the next month or two.

Please keep in mind that initial service will be propane, and it will be several years before natural gas is available in North Ocean City.

Passports applications at City Hall

Passport applications are accepted Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. in the City Clerk's of-

fice in City Hall, Third Street and Baltimore Avenue. No appointment is necessary. Passport photos are also available for \$10.60 per applicant. Call 410-289-8824 for details.

Takes steps to secure your home

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.

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-food 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.

2016-2017 events in the neighborhood

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

- **Dec. 6:** Caroling & holiday party, 6:30 p.m., Elks Club.
- Jan. 15: Deadline for applications for 2017 charity of the year.
- Jan. 25: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- Feb. 22: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room. NOTE: Presentations from charity applicants are held at this meeting. The CWCA officers & board will then vote to determine the 2017 charity of the year.
- March 1 (approximate): Newsletter mailing.

- 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, to be announced.
- **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.

CWCA donates \$5,100 to Diakonia



Diakonia Executive Director Claudia
Nagle receives a donation of \$5,100
from Caine Woods Community
Association Vice-President Joe Kostelac.
Also pictured: CWCA board members
Mary Ann Lemay, Tonja Sas, Donna
Umbel, Irene Hansen and Judy Holler;
Gus Lane, Gary Shockley and Ray Gawel
of Higgins Crab House.

The eighth annual charity crab feast at Higgins Crab House North was a sell-out and saw 300 attendees Sept. 24.

This was the final fund-raiser of the year for the association's selected charity, Diakonia. Over the past year, we raised \$5,100 for the organization through ticket sales and raffles at our events.

Many thanks to all the volunteers from the CWCA and Diakonia who helped out! Special thanks go to the following who provided prizes and gifts:

- Higgins Crab House: Crab feast for 8.
- Crabcake Factory: \$50 gift card.
- Jules Restaurant: \$50 & \$25 gift cards.
- Mio Fratello's: \$25 gift card.

• Squarz Pizza: \$25 gift card.

- Greene Turtle: 4 \$25 gift cards.
- Fractured Prune: 3 gift cards for 1 dozen doughnuts each.
- Billy's Subs: \$25 gift card.
- Primo Hoagies: 2 \$25 gift cards.
- Creative Day Spa: Gift card.
- 120th and 139th Streets 7-Eleven and board members: Wine.

Caine Woods history: 1992-1993

Attendance at a 1992 picnic was 269 — down from the previous year. Wilgus Glamorama donated aprons for the well-dressed cooks. Also, 7-Eleven, Oceans Market, Phillips and Super Thrift donated food and beverages.

After nearly six years, Lou Granados resigned as editor of the Caine Woods newsletter. Bernie Murphy took on the responsibility. At that time, it was issued quarterly.

Board member Glenn Steckman spoke to then-Chief Building Inspector Mike Richardson about a city ordinance requiring that all pay telephones on rental property be moved away from the street and located on buildings.

Board members had an interest in renaming Fiesta Park in honor of Joan Ann Burger, who was very active in creating our association and the park. After polling association members and making a formal request to the Ocean City Council, a plaque was placed at the park entrance and reads, "Fiesta City Park: In Memory of Joan Ann Burger."

In 1992, consensus was for a dance to be held in the fall instead of in the spring. The Hobbit and the Carousel both expressed interest in hosting the event, and it was held Oct. 23 at the Carousel.

The annual caroling party with snacks and Christmas cheer was held Dec. 17 at the Tiburon. As is the practice today, the city provided a trolley to transport carolers around the neighborhood.

The board voted to purchase a live Christmas tree to use at the OC Inlet and then plant it in Fiesta Park. The city asked what amenities members want in North Surf Park: measured walking path, bike rack, trees, grass, children's play equipment, benches, trash container, etc. Lawrence T. Whitlock Associates were the landscape architects. Tom Perlozzo, then Director of Recreation and Parks, came to the January meeting to discuss the park.

The Sand Dune Villas were being developed as duplexes under R-2 zoning classification. A new R-2-A classification will allow only single-family lots in the future.

Clean-up day was held April 17, 1993, to tidy up Fiesta Park and a few vacant lots.

The bull roast in June 1993 saw a record 400 in attendance.

- Mary Ann LeMay, CWCA Historian

Another successful National Night Out

Close to 130 friends and neighbors turned out Aug. 2 for the annual National Night Out picnic. Members of the Ocean City Police Department and other local law enforcement agencies were on hand to answer questions about police-related issues. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out!

























End-of-summer picnic

Aug. 27 was hot and sunny, perfect conditions for our picnic. And as always, we appreciate the efforts of all the volunteers who cook, serve, set up, clean up, check attendees in and more. We thank you for your contributions!















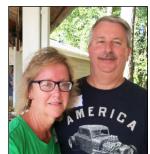




























Committee Reports

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.

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 wishes went to Donna Umbel, who had a heart attack in June. Our deepest condolences to Rose Cicala on the loss of her companion Mark. Best wishes to Vera Burlin, who sold her Caine Woods home and moved to Connecticut to live with her daughter. Caring thoughts to Ann and John Gough, whose great-grandson is facing several health issues.

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.

CWCA 2016-2017	7 Budget
Revenues	
Guest Donations	\$ 200.00
Interest Income	100.00
Membership Dues	6,000.00
Newsletter Advertising	700.00
Transfer from Savings	500.00
Total Revenues	\$7,500.00
Expenses	
Beautification	\$ 250.00
Caroling Party	700.00
Charitable Donations:	
Fire Department	400.00
Paramedics Foundation	200.00
Other	100.00
End of Summer Picnic	1,000.00
Gift & Flowers Expenses	200.00
June Picnic	1,200.00
Special Purchases	200.00
Liability Insurance	800.00
National Night Out	600.00
Newsletter Costs	450.00
Office Supplies	100.00
Advertising	200.00
Postage/PO Box	300.00
Special Event Expenses	100.00
Spring Clean-Up	400.00
Tiburon Donation	200.00
Website Expense	100.00
Total Expenses	\$7,500.00

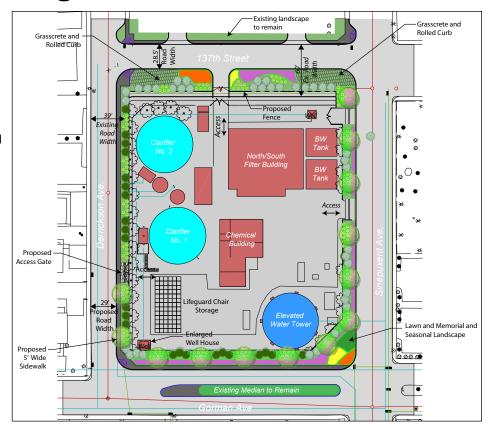
Changes may be coming to Gorman Avenue Water Plant

At the October CWCA board of directors meeting, Ocean City Public Works Director Hal Adkins, along with Deputy Director Jim Parsons and Water Department Superintendent Bud Iman, presented preliminary plans for improvements to the Gorman Avenue water plant located on the block bound by 136th and 137th streets and Sinepuxent and Derrickson avenues.

The project calls for landscape and hardscape enhancements along with improved security utilizing cameras, a retaining wall and fencing.

Parking adjoining the plant site is proposed to be removed for security purposes and to provide for additional landscaping.

The CWCA board approved a motion to accept the plan as proposed. Adkins said that there is no estimated cost or timetable yet, but it is hoped work will begin as soon as possible. The project will soon be presented to the Mayor and City Council for approval.







(above) Architectural drawing of the enhanced water plant campus.

(left) Artist's rendering of improved landscaping and fencing.

CWCA Membership Application/Renewal

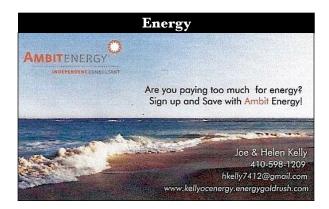
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Please print clearly. We send all emails BCC and we do not share your email address with anyone. Make checks payable to CWCA in the amount of \$20.00 and mail to: CWCA, P.O. Box 4681, Ocean City, MD 21843-4681

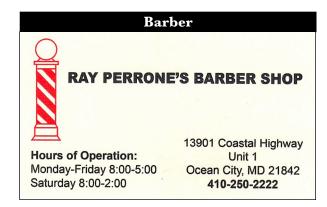
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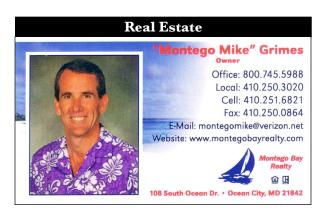






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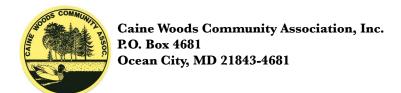






Welcome to our newest members!

- Kathy and Alan Aronow, Fiesta Road.
- Cornelia and Patrick Kennedy, North Ocean Road.
- Catherine and John Craig, North Surf Road.
- Mary and Paul Adams, South Surf Road.
- Connie and Norman Brown, Sea Captain Road.
- Phyllis and Richard Edelen, 141st Street.
- Christine and Ronald Guagliano, South Surf Road.
- Craig Johnson, Barge Road.
- Linda and Randy Myer, 141st Street.
- Ann and Bernard Stein, Loop Road.
- John Herwig, Sea Captain Road.
- Barbara and Francisco Prillaman, Anchor Chain Road.
- Ginny and Michael Farrell, Fiesta Road.
- Linda and Derryl Mills, Kelly Road.



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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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