

## **Caine Woods Community Association**

# NEWSLETTER

#### November 2017

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## Message from CWCA President Joe Kostelac

It is my honor to serve as the new president of our community association. Our objective will be to create and stimulate community interest through business, social and civic activities that are of mutual concern to our community. We encourage you to attend our meetings and express your concerns over areas we can impact. As most of you know, we are governed by the Town of Ocean City, but we have a voice as one of the primary residential areas in town. Your neighbors are the board of directors listed in this newsletter. Reach out to any of them.

It is hard to believe summer fun is now behind us and fall is here. We hosted

three summer picnics, including National Night Out, which offered neighbors an opportunity to gather together to enjoy a summer barbecue and fellowship. Our end-of-summer crab feast for charity was blessed with great weather, a sellout crowd, super crabs, and a donation of \$4,400 to the Ocean City Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul. SVDP provides a food pantry and financial assistance for the needy in our community.

While the board of directors does not meet in November or December, CWCA members do gather to spread Christmas cheer throughout the neighborhood. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, Dec. 5, when we gather at the Elks Club and

board the tram/bus to sing Christmas carols to our sick or homebound neighbors. We return to the Elks Club to enjoy refreshments and Christmas camaraderie. Plan to join us!!

I would like to take a moment to thank Julie Valcourt for her service to our community as our president for the past three years. She was tireless in promoting the spirit of our community and a very welcoming person to all.

In closing, please feel free to reach out to any of our board members. On behalf of the entire board, we extend our best wishes to all our friends and neighbors for a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas.

## \* COMMUNITY ALERT \*

It has come to the attention of the Caine Woods Community Association Board of Directors that the Town of Ocean City's Planning and Zoning Commission, in its upcoming Comprehensive Plan, is considering including an amusement overlay district that would allow an amusement park in the local commercial (LC-1) zoning district, specifically the vacant lot between 144th and 145th Streets from Coastal Highway to Sinepuxent Avenue.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will discuss this issue at its meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 6:30 p.m. This will be your opportunity to voice any concerns you may have.

The CWCA Board of Directors, at its monthly meeting Oct. 25, expressed concerns about visual pollution (lights, etc.), noise pollution, hours of operation, litter, parking, crowds and traffic disturbing our residential neighborhood. The board is concerned that this is not a good fit in our peaceful community.

Please join us Tuesday, Nov. 7, at City Hall and express your views. More to come on this important development.

#### **CWCA** election results

At the Aug. 26 end-of-summer picnic, the general membership voted to approve the 2017-2018 slate of officers, as follows: President: Joe Kostelac. Vice-President: Lloyd Martin.

Recording Secretary: Monica Martin. Treasurer: Tonja Sas. Corresponding Secretary: Julie Valcourt. Immediate Past-President: Julie Valcourt.

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

## Christmas caroling, party Dec. 5

All are welcome to share the Christmas spirit Tuesday, Dec. 5, 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.

Please consider bringing an new, unwrapped toy and/or a check or cash to donate to the OC Police Department's holiday toy drive.

If you know 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 2018 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 2017 charity, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Ocean City Conference, just received a donation of \$4,400. Since 2009, we have raised close to \$40,000 and donated to Diakonia (\$5,100), 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 Joe Kostelac at 410-250-5665 or email cainewoods@verizon.net. <u>The deadline for applications is Jan. 15</u>.

#### **OCPD** reminder: Lock your vehicles

Local law enforcement officials have seen a rise in vehicle break-ins, largely due to the rise in opiate use. Many addicts turn to a life of crime, victimizing others to feed their addiction. The OC Police Department recommends citizens take the following steps to prevent themselves from becoming a victim:

- Always lock your vehicle doors, even if you plan on being gone for "just a second" or you are inside your home.
  - Keep windows closed while away from the vehicle.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle. If items are visible, the chance of a vehicle break-in increases dramatically.
- **Place items out of sight** before reaching your destination. Thieves may be watching while you hide valuables under a seat or move items to the trunk.
  - Avoid leaving packages or shopping bags in plain view.
- Leave no trace of valuables in plain view. For example, remove items like suction cups used to hold GPS systems or phone chargers.
- Ensure that alarms and anti-theft devices are working. These will act as deterrents and could decrease your chance of becoming a victim.
- Never leave spare keys in your vehicle. Even if well hidden, an experienced criminal knows the best hiding places.
  - Do not leave your driver's license or title in the vehicle.
- **Keep a record of the VIN number,** license plate number and insurance information in your wallet or purse.

Victims of a vehicle break-in should call police immediately. You will be asked for a complete description of the items that were stolen, your vehicle's license plate number, a detailed description of the vehicle, the VIN number and insurance information

#### **CWCA 2017-2018 Budget**

Revenues	
Guest Donations	\$150.00
Interest Income	\$50.00
Membership Dues	\$6,000.00
Newsletter Advertising	\$700.00
Transfer from Savings	\$900.00
Total Revenues	\$7,800.00
Expenses	
Beautification	\$200.00
Caroling Party	
Charitable Donations	
Fire Department	\$400.00
Paramedics Foundation	
Other	\$100.00
End of Summer Picnic	\$1,000.00
Gift & Flowers Expenses	\$200.00
June Bull Roast	\$1,200.00
Special Purchases	\$500.00
Liability Insurance	\$800.00
National Night Out	\$600.00
Newsletter Costs	\$450.00
Office Supplies	\$100.00
Advertising	\$100.00
Postage/PO Box	\$250.00
Special Event Expenses	\$100.00
Spring Clean-Up	\$600.00
Tiburon Donation	\$200.00
Website Expense	\$100.00
Total Expenses	\$7.800.00

## Have your property monitored 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.

#### 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.

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## CWCA donates \$4,400 to local charity



David Melocik of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul receives a donation of \$4,400 from Caine Woods Community Association President Joe Kostelac. Also pictured: CWCA board members Donna Umbel, Monica Martin, Mary Ann LeMay, Irene Hansen, Lloyd Martin; Dave Phippin and Ray Gawel of Higgins Crab House.

The ninth annual charity crab feast at Higgins Crab House North was a sell-out, as close to 300 attendees enjoyed crabs, chicken, beverages and more Sept. 23.

This was the final fund-raiser of the year for the association's selected charity, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Ocean City Conference.

Over the past year, we raised \$4,400 for the organization.

Thanks to all the volunteers from the CWCA and Society of St. Vincent de Paul who helped out! Special thanks go to the following businesses and individuals who provided prizes:

• Higgins Crab House: Crab feast for 8.

Crabcake Factory; \$50.
Rippons Seafood: \$25.
Jules Restaurant: \$50.
Mio Fratello's: \$25.

DeVito's: \$25.
Ponzetti's: \$25.
Carolina Street: \$30.
Fisher's Popcorn: Tin.

Body Double: Beach bag

Creative Day Spa: Haircut and style.

• Seaside Country Store: Statue.

• 120th and 139th Street 7-Eleven and board members: Wine and other miscellaneous items.

## Automatic payment option for water and sewer bills

In order to better serve its customers, the Town of Ocean City offers an automatic payment option for water and sewer bills. There is no fee for this service and you'll still receive a quarterly statement showing the amount to be deducted from your checking account. To enroll in this pre-authorized transfer service, call 410-289-8833 or email sadkins@oceancitymd.gov.

#### Passport applications available at City Hall

Passport applications are accepted Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the City Clerk's office in City Hall, Third Street and Baltimore Avenue. No appointment is necessary, but please call 410-289-8824 ahead of your visit. Passport photos are also available for \$10.60 per applicant.

## Check your smoke alarm

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 re-

placed once a year or when they begin to chirp, signaling that they're running low.

## Senior citizen bus passes available

Residents and property owners age 60 and over are eligible for senior bus passes. The pass allows free rides on city buses and ADA van (if eligible). Free rides on the seasonal Boardwalk trams are permitted from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; a reduced fare is offered from 4 p.m. to closing. The cost is \$7 and the pass is valid for two years.

Applications for bus passes and renewals require proof of age, residency or property ownership, such as an Ocean City tax bill or driver's license with an Ocean City address.

A non-resident bus pass is available free of charge to anyone age 60 or older. This pass entitles the holder to half-fare passage on the bus and ADA van (if eligible). The pass is not recognized for reduced or free passage on the trams.

Neither pass applies to MEDTRN service. For more information, call City Hall at 410-289-8221.

## 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.









## National Night Out

Close to 125 friends and neighbors turned out Aug. 1 for the annual National Night Out picnic at Fiesta Park. Members of the OC Police Department and other local law enforcement agencies were on hand to answer questions about police-related issues. Thanks as always to all the volunteers who helped out.

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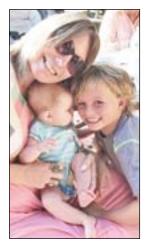














# End-of-Summer Picnic

Aug. 26 • Fiesta Park



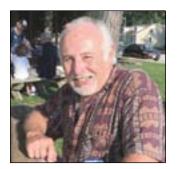






























## **Committee Reports**

## **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.

#### **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.

Thinking-of-you cards were sent to Tonya Sas, Herb King and Joe Coleman.

Our condolences to the Hannon family (Tom), to Carol Wagner and family (sister), to Wayne and Judy Holler (brother), to Robert DeMaro (wife), to the Thomas family (Joan), to Barbara Schmitt (brother), to the Mike Grimes family (father), and to the Cymek family (Donald).

#### **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 call 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.

#### 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.

#### **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.

#### 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:

- Lisa and Dustin Meck, North Surf Road.
- James Stephens, 144th Street.
- Pam and Anthony Feurer, South Surf Road.
- Charlene and John Willner, Hurricane Road.
- Susan and William Kessler, Jarvis Avenue.
- Michael O'Connor, South Bay Drive.
- Kimberly and Joseph Kurtz, Sea Captain Road.
- Tracy and Troy Flaherty, Fiesta Road.
- Bonnie and Walt Piechatka, 139th Street.
- Sandy and Larry Sauder, 139th Street.
- Barb and Ed Lenda, 139th Street.
- Marge and Bob Centofanti, South Bay Drive.
- Michelle and Jeff Rosenkilde, Sea Captain Road.
- Norma Robertson, 141st Street.
- Jenny and Ken Wilkes, Sailing Road.

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

## 2017-2018 CWCA events

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

- Dec. 5: Caroling & holiday party, 6:30 p.m., Elks Club.
- Jan. 15: Deadline for applications for 2018 charity of the year.
- Jan. 24: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- Feb. 28: 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 2018 charity of the year.
- March 1 (approximate): Newsletter mailing.

- March 28: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- April 7: Fiesta Park spring clean-up, 10 a.m.
- April 25: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- May 23: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- June 23: Picnic, noon-3 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date June 24.
- June 27: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- July 1 (approximate): Newsletter mailing.
- July 7: Caine Woods yard sales, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Rain date July 8.
- July 25: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.

- Aug. 7: National Night Out, 5-7 p.m., Fiesta Park.
- Aug. 22: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- Aug. 25: Picnic, membership meeting, election of officers, 4-6 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date Aug. 26.
- Sept. 22: Charity special event, to be announced.
- Sept. 26: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- Oct. 24: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- Nov. 1 (approximate): Newsletter mailing.
- Dec. 4: Caroling & holiday party, 6:30 p.m., Elks Club.

## OCPD urges citizens to lock their vehicles



Ocean City Police Department Lt. Ray Austin, Public Affairs Specialist Lindsay Richard, and Officers Mark Cutter and Tyler Sheffey attended our board meeting in October.

Lt. Austin reported that the OCPD has increased its presence in our neighborhood and that there have been numerous thefts from unlocked cars.

Through investigation, suspects have been identified, and large quantities of stolen property have been recovered.

Citizens who believe they may be a victim of theft are asked to contact the OCPD to claim their property.

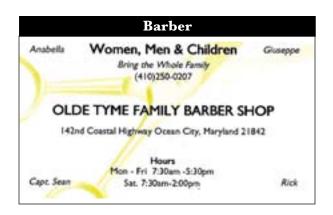
He urged citizens to lock their vehicles and to report any suspicious activity to the police.

## 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:			

Make checks payable to CWCA in the amount of \$20.00 and mail to: CWCA, P.O. Box 4681, Ocean City, MD 21843-4681

## Service Directory

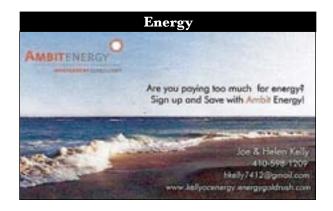
















## **Service Directory**







## 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 Irene Hansen at 410-250-1154 or iah317@aol.com.

## Caine Woods history: 1995-1996

Our officers for 1995-1996 were: President Tom Collins; Vicepresident Glenn Steckman; Treasurer Jack Nickels; Secretary Ruth Childress; Corresponding Secretary Margaret Sas; Newsletter editors Ronnie and Fred Schneemans; Auditor Stan Buddenbohn; Richard Atkinson, Dorothy Brubach, Tom Berry, Tom Hannon, David McCloskey, Bernie Murphy, Dick Perry, Jeanette Tressler.

In October, the board voted to give \$500 to the Tiburon toward its renovations. In November, Ed Chester came before the board to ask for a donation for a horse that was needed by the OC Police Department. The board voted to give \$100. Jack Nickels, as treasurer, was directed to take \$5,000 from the checking account and invest it in a CD. The bulk mail permit costs \$85 per year. The newsletter was mailed to 398 homes.

A letter was sent to Mayor and City Council re-appointing Ed Chester to represent the CWCA on citizen committee considering dredging. A letter was read from Stephen Decatur High School asking for funds for an after-prom party.

In February, the CWCA received notice of a new payment format for the storage shed on 145th Street. Discussion contin-

ued about the fall dinner/dance. The Sheraton (now the Clarion) and Fenwick Inn are under consideration for an October date. It was noted that if 100 people don't participate, there won't be a dance next year.

Pat Moran, beautification chair, said a tree can be planted in Ocean City in memory of a loved one. Gregg Purnell wants to attend the May meeting to talk about tree planting in Ocean City. Pat asked that members contact her to help with spring planting in Caine Woods. Dick Perry requested we buy a grill for grilling the hotdogs and burgers at our picnics. We have been borrowing grills. A motion was passed to raise the price for guests at the picnic from \$5 to \$7.

Crime watch captains were to meet at police headquarters in May, and a block captains meeting was to be held at the Tiburon in June to discuss "Light On" in August. Parties are planned throughout the community. A request was made at a board meeting to ask the OCPD chief to have a full-time bicycle patrol in Caine Woods. The association will donate \$100 to the affair honoring policeman of the year.

Mary Ann LeMay, CWCA Historian



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## Caine Woods Community Association Board of Directors

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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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