

# Caine Woods Community Association **NEWSLETTER**

#### **July 2018**

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#### Message from CWCA President Joe Kostelac

Winter is gone and summer is finally here! Since our last newsletter we have had our Fiesta Park clean-up, new member reception and our first picnic of the summer, which was a huge success with nearly 200 attendees including members, guests, police and fire officers, city and county officials and prospective candidates for state and county posts.

Thanks to all our volunteers, especially our chefs — Stephan, Lloyd, Dennis and Cappy! Their time and efforts produced a culinary delight for members and guests.

Each year we select a local charity to support financially via our annual crab feast at Higgins Crab House. Representatives from our chosen charity for this year — Open Kettle from St. Peter's Lutheran Church — were on hand to spread the word about the great service they provide by helping to feed the hungry. They also raffled off three beautiful prizes, one of which was won by none other than our own mayor.

To demonstrate just how giving our community is, a neighbor who won two of the 50/50 drawings donated his winnings back to the charity.

The weather for the picnic was touch and go initially but turned out to be fantastic. Tonja and Mary Ann had a steady flow of registrants for two hours. It was encouraging to see many new faces. Thanks to the Bayside Cantina for donating chips and salsa. Please check out their happy hour — it's a great one!

Looking ahead, on Saturday, July 7, we have our big yard sale. On Tuesday, Aug. 7, we will celebrate National Night Out to promote police/community partnerships. And on Saturday, Aug. 25, we will get together at Fiesta Park for a picnic and membership meeting.

The crab feast at Higgins Crab House North will take place Saturday, Sept. 22. Tickets are going fast, so get yours now.

Check our newsletter, website and Facebook page for details on events.

Welcome to all our new neighbors! It's great to have you in our community. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any board member should you have a question or concern.

Finally, it is summer, when we welcome throngs of tourists. We ask you to be ambassadors for this beautiful place we are so fortunate to call home. Have a happy and safe summer, and I look forward to seeing you in August.

#### Please, no illegal dumping of trash

North Ocean City has long been a dumping ground where residents, visitors and out-of-towners drop their garbage and saddle us to pay for its disposal. In 2011, the Town of Ocean City passed an ordinance making that action illegal. The Public Works Department installed signs on all dumpsters on the north end of Ocean City advising of the law and fine. As you can imagine, enforcement is difficult.

One particular problem property is the Tiburon condo complex. They have a dumpster on 139th Street that is a favorite dumping ground for bulk items like mattresses and furniture. The condo owners have to pay the town to dispose of those bulk items. The Tiburon has asked the CWCA for assistance in stopping this illegal activity.

Did you know that municipal trash costs are included in your tax bill? That means when out-of-towners dump their trash in our containers, that's tantamount to theft of services, and it adds to your tax bill. What's worse, though, is when people who live right here in Caine Woods are the culprits — and it's been suspected that people who are abusing the Tiburon condo dumpster may be Caine Woods residents.

Please remember that in Ocean City, it is illegal to place trash in receptacles other than your own. It is also against the law (OC code sec. 70-145) to place large bulk items next to a dumpster that isn't yours. The fine is \$100 per occurrence, per day.

So, folks, please be a good neighbor. If you see illegal dumping occurring, report it to the Ocean City Solid Waste Division at 410-524-0318.

#### CWCA yard sales set for July 7

Start cleaning out your attics and closets! Our annual community-wide yard sale will be held Saturday, July 7, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, July 8.

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.

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#### National Night Out Tuesday, Aug. 7; please note new time of 5-7 p.m.

Join the Caine Woods community on **Tuesday, Aug. 7, from 5 to 7 p.m.** at Fiesta Park for National Night Out. 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.

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 call 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.

# End-of-summer picnic, election of board and officers Aug. 25

Join the fun Saturday, Aug. 25, at Fiesta Park for our end-ofsummer picnic from 4 to 6 p.m. We'll have an array of food, plus plenty of beverages and music. The rain date is Aug. 26.

The CWCA general membership meeting and election of officers will take place at the picnic. A slate of proposed officers and directors will be presented and voted on by attending members.

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.

We ask that you do not carry food out from the picnic area. If a house-bound member requests food, please inform the registration table crew ahead of time. 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.

#### CWCA crab feast fund-raiser Sept. 22

The Caine Woods Community Association will host a crab feast Saturday, Sept. 22, from 2 to 5 p.m., at Higgins Crab House on Coastal Highway at 128th Street.

Proceeds from this event will go to the Open Kettle Soup Kitchen at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ocean City.

The crab feast will feature all-you-can-eat crabs, fried chicken, corn on the cob, french fries, crab soup, cole slaw, draft beer and soft drinks. There will be a cash bar.

Tickets are \$35, and all proceeds above the cost charged by Higgins will go to the charity. Only a limited number of tickets will be sold; contact any CWCA officer or director to purchase them.

We also have some special surprises including raffles, a basket of cheer and door prizes.

#### Christmas caroling, party Dec. 11

All are welcome to share the Christmas spirit Tuesday, Dec. 11, 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.

The CWCA will help collect money and toys for the OC Police Department's toy drive. Please bring an new, unwrapped toy and/or a check or cash to the party and help others during this holiday season.

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

## • 2018 CWCA events •

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

- 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 crab feast, 2-5 p.m., Higgins Crab House, 128th Street.
- 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. 11: PLEASE NOTE THIS NEW DATE. Caroling & holiday party, 6:30 p.m., Elks Club.



# Spring clean-up weekend

On Saturday, April 7, CWCA board members and volunteers spruced up Fiesta Park and prepared lunch for the many city workers who hauled away trash and assisted in any way possible throughout town all weekend. Thanks for a job well done!



# **New member reception May 23**

As part of the regular board meeting in May, CWCA officers held a reception at Fiesta Park to welcome our newest members. We hope to make these receptions a regular occurrence in an effort to recognize and thank those who have joined the association.





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# Kicking off the summer season

The June 23 picnic in Fiesta Park was a big success, with more than 180 attendees including CWCA members and their guests, OC first responders, city and county officials, even some of the candidates in the upcoming elections.

The skies were a little gray at first, but the sun came out and chased away the sprinkles.

Our thanks to all the volunteers who helped out and also to the Bayside Cantina on 141st Street for donating fresh chips, salsa and queso! Thanks also to the representatives from the Open Kettle Soup Kitchen at St. Peter's Lutheran Church who sold raffle tickets for some excellent prizes.

And welcome to all our new members!















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# Update on the 139th Street project

The rebuilding of 139th Street from Coastal Highway to the bay is nearing completion.

All underground utility infrastructure work has been completed, and a new gas main has been installed. The new storm drainage system has been completed. Sewer and water lines have been inspected and replaced as needed. Delmarva Power has replaced underground electrical lines.

Street paving has begun, and the area west of Fiesta Road is complete. Concrete work for the sidewalks and curbs is progressing westward from Coastal Highway. Paving will continue as the concrete work is finished.

An all-new LED street lighting system will be installed to illuminate the entire roadway. The landscaped areas will re-



ceive interim attention, with the final landscaping done during the fall planting season.

Any questions or issues can be addressed by contacting the Public Works Department at 410-524-7715.

#### Caine Woods is on Facebook and Nextdoor

The Caine Woods Community Association is now on Facebook! Just search for Caine Woods Community Association and click on "Like." We will use the page to share announcements, invitations, photos and more.

Nextdoor.com, a free, private social network, is an easy way for you and your neighbors to talk online and make all of your lives better in the real world. To sign up, visit www.nextdoor.com and set up an account.

Both Facebook and Nextdoor can be helpful when you want to get the word out about a break-in, ask for help when a pet is lost, find a new home for an outgrown bike and much more.

#### 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.

#### 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 9/18, your dues will expire in September. If you receive it by email and "expired" appears in the subject line, your dues have expired.

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.

#### Do you rent out your property?

If you rent your property to anyone at any time, the law requires you to obtain an Ocean City rental license and an OC noise control permit. This is to maintain the character of singlefamily residential districts and assure compliance with all laws, ordinances and regulations, while also ensuring safe, healthy and habitable housing conditions in rental housing units.

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

#### **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 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.

#### **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.

Our condolences to Anne Gough on the loss of her husband, John.

#### **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.

#### **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:

- Robin and Joseph Marchionni, 143rd Street.
- Cheryl and Robert Jones, Sinepuxent Avenue.
- Maggie and Pete Danchak, Sea Captain Road.
- Kelly and Christopher Gee, Jarvis Avenue.
- Kathy Hastings, 136th Street.
- Sherry and Jeffrey Myers, Fiesta Road.
- Mary and David Kemmerer, Sea Captain Road.
- Karen and Dean Scherr, Laurel Avenue.
- Susan and Shane Breakie, Sailing Road.
- Mary and Brad Holt, South Bay Drive.
- Antoinette Swiec, 140th Street.
- Kelly and Harry Pegg, 140th Street
- Melvin Ratajczak, 140th Street
- Rosemary Pegg, 140th Street.
- Peggy and Caroll Cilento, Sea Captain Road.
- Diane and Randy Hartman, Barge Road.
- Greg Martini, Kelly Road.
- Gina and Skip McConkey, Holly Lane.
- Loretta and Lew Schaffner, Tunnel Avenue.

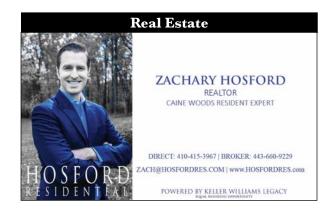
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#### Answers to your parking questions

Ocean City's paid parking season continues through Oct. 31. The town has switched from a pay-and-display system to a payby-plate system in those areas that have paid parking. This means that when you park in a metered location, you no longer get a receipt that you then put in your windshield.

Instead, you enter your license plate number at a nearby pay station, and the system will recognize your paid time based on your vehicle. Note: You must know your license plate number when using the pay station.

At the inlet parking lot, parking is monitored by cameras as you enter and exit; on the streets and in municipal lots, public safety aides will monitor and enforce paid parking.

The fee to park at the inlet lot is \$3 per hour. You may park for free as long as you leave the lot within 30 minutes of entry. This includes parking for the handicapped.

Paid parking on city streets is \$2 per hour, with one hour free for handicapped parking if leaving within the first hour.

A violation of street parking and other municipal lot parking will result in a \$50 fine, which can be voided if payment is made

### 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 Brian Shane at 410-726-3016, bwshane@yahoo.com

at a pay station for the expired time within one hour of receiving the ticket.

A violation at the inlet lot will result in a mailed bill for time spent in the lot at \$3 per hour, plus a \$25 administrative fee. This fee will escalate to \$50 if not paid within 30 days. Patrons may pay for expired time up to one hour and within one hour to avoid being billed for additional administrative costs.

No refunds will be given for paid parking; you are solely responsible for entering your time in the machine and verifying that the amount of time is correct and the amount you wish to pay is correct. If you are uncertain, cancel the transaction and start over.

You can avoid the pay stations altogether by downloading the Parkmobile app. You then pay for parking by using your iPhone, Android, Windows, Blackberry or Amazon Fire smartphone.

If you need assistance at the inlet lot, an information booth is located in the center of the lot and marked with flags. On the streets and in municipal lots, please call the number on the front of the pay machine. A technician will be able to assist you. For more information, call 410-524-0391.

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