

Caine Woods Community Association

NEWSLETTER

November 2018

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Message from CWCA President Joe Kostelac

Another summer has passed and was filled with activities for CWCA members — yard sales, National Night Out, end-of-summer picnic and, of course, our big crab feast fund-raiser at Higgins Crab House. The crab feast netted \$5,100 for our charity, St. Peter's Open Kettle. Thanks to all for your support of this worthwhile cause!

Infrastructure improvements have come to Caine Woods in a BIG way.

139th Street is wrapping up but not without considerable angst for those neighbors. We requested a meeting with the city manager, city engineer and construction chief to talk about the good, bad and ugly of this project. This meeting took place on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend, with more than 50 attendees. It was an opportunity for residents to

voice their concerns and for city officials to learn from their mistakes — No. 1 is no construction in season!

The proof is in the pudding, as my grandmother would say. We will see, as similar construction has begun on 141st Street and other arteries in our neighborhood. We are told this project will stretch over two winters as utilities and roadbed are replaced. The contractor for this project is George & Lynch, supposedly the best in the mid-Atlantic.

Now, 139th Street looks great, and the new LED lights provide much better illumination.

We will keep you updated in future newsletters on other significant infrastructure projects in Caine Woods. Thanks to our town for investing in our neighborhood! While the CWCA board takes a break from meeting in November and December, CWCA members will gather to spread Christmas cheer throughout the neighborhood. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, Dec. 11, and join us for our annual Christmas caroling at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Club. We will board the tram/bus to motor throughout the neighborhood to sing carols to our neighbors and families. We return to the Elks Club for refreshments and camaraderie. Please join us for a great time!!

In closing, please feel free to reach out to any board member with questions or concerns.

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.

CWCA election results

At the Aug. 25 end-of-summer picnic, the general membership voted to approve the following 2018-2019 slate of officers: President: Joe Kostelac. Vice-President: Lloyd Martin. Recording Secretary: Mary Ann LeMay. Corresponding Secretary: Julie Valcourt. Treasurer: Tonja Sas. Immediate Past-President: Julie Valcourt

Board of Directors: Howard Caplan, Dennis Dare, Elizabeth Dare, Irene Hansen, Judy Holler, Brian Shane, Rosalie Stuller, Donna Umbel.

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.

Please consider bringing a 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 2019 fund-raising efforts.

We are seeking charities that have an impact on the local community. Representatives from the charity must be willing to

participate in our fund-raising endeavors at our activities throughout the year.

The 2018 charity, St. Peter's Lutheran Church Open Kettle Soup Kitchen, just received a donation of \$5,100. Since 2009, we have raised approximately \$44,500 and donated to St. Vincent dePaul Society (\$4,400) Diakonia (\$5,100), Camp Possibilities (\$5,300), 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>.

You can now pay your CWCA dues online

Great news! Now, members can pay their dues anytime, from the comfort of home, using our new online payment option!

Just log onto our website (www.cainewoodsoc.org) and find the green button at the top of the page. It takes you to PayPal, where you can pay your annual dues using a credit card or your bank account.

Dues are still only \$20! What a deal! Please take a moment to check it out and pay any outstanding dues, if applicable.

MVA Mobile Office coming to OC

The ezMVA Mobile Office will be at the OC Public Safety Building on 66th Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 13 and Dec. 4.

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.

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.

2018-2019 CWCA Budget Revenues **Guest Donations** \$150.00 Interest Income \$50.00 \$6,000.00 Membership Dues \$700.00 **Newsletter Advertising Transfer from Savings** \$900.00 \$7,800.00 **Total Revenues** Expenses \$200.00 Beautifucation **Caroling Party** \$700.00 **Charitable Donations** \$400.00 Fire Department Paramedics Foundation \$200.00 Other \$100.00 **End of Summer Picnic** \$1,000.00 **Gift & Flowers Expenses** \$200.00 June Bull Roast \$1,200.00 \$500.00 **Special Purchases** 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 \$7,800.00 **Total Expenses**

CWCA Membership Application/Renewal

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

CWCA raises \$5,100 for Open Kettle







Our 10th annual crab feast Sept. 22 was very successful, with 292 attendees at Higgins Crab House on 128th Street to cap off our year-long fund-raising efforts. As a result, we donated \$5,100 to this year's charity, the Open Kettle Soup Kitchen at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ocean City.

Thanks to all the CWCA volunteers and friends who helped out. And special thanks go to the following businesses and individuals who provided door prizes:

- Higgins Crab House: Crab feast for 8.
- Jules Restaurant: \$50 gift certificate.
- Mio Fratello's: \$50 gift certificate.
- Rippons Seafood Restaurant: \$25 gift certificate.
- Judy Holler: \$50 Mary Kay gift certificate.
- Rachel Kearn: 19-inch LCD TV.
- CWCA members: Wine for the basket of cheer.

2018-2019 CWCA events

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

- **Dec. 11:** Caroling & holiday party, 6:30 p.m., Elks Club.
- Jan. 15: Deadline for applications for 2019 charity of the year.
- Jan. 23: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- Feb. 27: 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 2019 charity of the year.
- March 1 (approximate): Newsletter mailing.

- March 27: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- April 6: Fiesta Park spring clean-up, 10 a.m.
- April 24: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- May 22: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- June 22: Picnic, noon-3 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date June 23.
- June 26: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- July 1 (approximate): Newsletter mailing.
- July 13: Caine Woods yard sales, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Rain date July 14.
- July 24: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.

- Aug. 6: National Night Out, 5-7 p.m., Fiesta Park.
- Aug. 24: Picnic, membership meeting, election of officers, 4-6 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date 25.
- Aug. 28: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Sept. 21:** Charity special event, to be announced.
- **Sept. 25:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- Oct. 23: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- Nov. 1 (approximate): Newsletter mailing.
- **Dec. 10:** Caroling & holiday party, 6:30 p.m., Elks Club.

National Night Out

Members of the Ocean City Police
Department and other local law
enforcement agencies were on hand
to discuss police-related issues for
our National Night Out event Aug. 7
in Fiesta Park. Thanks as always to
the volunteers who helped out with
this important event.















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End-of-Summer Picnic

Aug. 25 • Fiesta Park







































Attorney General's office offers tips on avoiding scams

It's likely that many of you have been the target of a scam, either by phone, email, "snail" mail, or other means. The Maryland Consumer Protection Division says there are several signs that someone is trying to steal your money.

• You are being offered a chance to win BIG money for a small fee.

Chances of winning a legitimate sweepstakes are very small, and there are many fraudulent lotteries that either don't award any prizes or award prizes that turn out to be almost worthless.

 Someone is offering to send you money, and telling

you to keep some portion for yourself and send the rest elsewhere.

This is a decades-old scam in which you are asked to provide your bank account number or other personal information to receive a deposit. Don't do it! Your financial security will be at risk.

 You are being asked to wire money to someone you don't know.

Scammers will play on your emotions to get you to send money to them — someone you love is in jail or in danger, you've won a large sum of money but need to wire "taxes or

fees" before you get your prize, or someone posing as a love interest, especially online, asks you to send money for various reasons.

• You are asked to use a Green Dot or iTunes card to pay for something or give to someone you don't know.

Similar to requests to wire money, scammers will exploit your emotions or threaten you with phony stories of owing taxes to the IRS, tell you your utilities will be cut off if you don't pay a balance immediately, or other lies intended to scare you. Remember, no legitimate busi-

ness will ask you to pay by Green Dot or iTunes cards.

• You are asked to donate money, but the caller refuses to send you information in writing first.

Unscrupulous fundraisers want to get your money fast. Even if the charity has an urgent need for money, the need will still exist after you read what they've sent. Legitimate charities will provide you with written information upon request.

• It just sounds too good to be true. (It probably is.)
For more information, go to www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/CPD/Tips-Publications/edunit.aspx#Mail,%20Phone,
%20Internet.

Caine Woods history: 1996-1997

The officers for 1996-1997 were: Glenn Steckman, president; Bernie Murphy, vice-president; Ruth Childress, secretary; Margaret Sas, corresponding secretary; Tom Berry, treasurer; Ronnie and Fred Schneemans, newsletter editors; Stan Buddenbohn, auditor. Tom Collins, Jack Nickels, Richard Atkinson, Diane Fritschle, David McCloskey, Linda Perlozzo, Dorothy Brubach and Ellen Glagola were board members.

The association had 285 members. Laura Rosenblatt produced the newsletter in Ronnie's absence. The treasurer's report was accepted. Christmas caroling was set for Dec. 12.

The Sheraton returned the \$500 deposit paid for the neighborhood dance that was subsequently canceled.

Pat Moran brought up the issue of trees on 142nd Street. Glenn wants the dead pines removed and cherry trees planted. The board voted to donate \$500 toward cost of trees. Pat reported that 10 trees had been planted of the 31 trees needed. City codes were to be enforced for all businesses to keep their landscaping maintained. City codes were also being enforced on cluttered, overgrown lots and deteriorating properties. Rock borders were added to our flower beds.

The Policeman of the Year affair took place in January 1997. The board voted to send \$100 toward purchase of horses for the OCPD. In response to our request, OCPD Chief Dave Massey agreed to provide additional patrol and visibility

in Caine Woods. National Night Out took place Aug. 5, with crime watch grid neighbors gathering together. Caine Woods has 10 grids.

There were rumors that the OC Transportation Department wanted a bus station at the north end of OC.

The rule about the cost for those attending the picnics was clarified: There is no charge for a family composed of two adults and children under age 18; guests will pay. Those who had not yet paid their dues could pay \$20 in June and be able to attend summer events; \$20 was due by Oct. 1 for next year.

In May 1997, the board voted to issue the CWCA newsletter three times per year instead four times.

— Mary Ann LeMay, CWCA Historian

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.

Our condolences to the Martin family on the loss of Lloyd's father, Howard; to the Dare family on the loss of Liz's mother; and to the Michev family on the loss of Svetla's mother. Thinking-of-you cards were sent to Jim Geslois, Herb King, Wayne Holler, Steve Barnaby, Tonja Sas and Antoinette Swiec. And a fond farewell to Lorraine Taylor, who has moved to Baltimore.

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.

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.

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.

Hospitality welcomes new residents

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. We also explain the benefits of joining the association and describe the many activities that go along with membership.

If you know of a new neighbor, please contact Joe Kostelac at 410-250-5665 or email joekost@comcast.net.

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.

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

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:

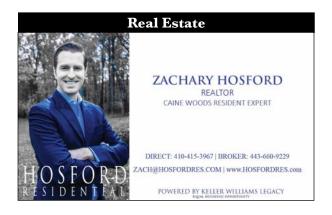
- Tanya and Dave Lewis, Sinepuxent Avenue.
- Paul Jennings, Sinepuxent Avenue.
- Jose Briones, Sinepuxent Avenue.
- Steven Giuliano, Fountain Road.
- Mr. and Mrs. Justin Griffin, Twin Tree Road.
- Kimberly and John Modesto, 136th Street.
- Vickie Wendt, Jarvis Road.
- Theresa and Anthony Collurafici, 142nd Street.
- Keith Lotman, South Surf Road.
- Pam and Paul Thieberger, Holly Lane.

Service Directory

















Update on road work, improvements

Hal Adkins, Director of the Ocean City Public Works, has provided the following update on road work in the neighborhood:

The Public Works Department has begun construction on a series of streets in Caine Woods.

139th Street and cross streets

The streets involved are as follows:

- 139th Street: Coastal Highway to Fountain Road.
- North Ocean Road: 136th to 141st streets.
- Barge Road: Twin Tree Road to 141st Street.
- Fiesta Road: South Surf to 141st Street.
- Sailing Road: Twin Tree to 141st Street.
- Sea Captain Road: South Surf to 141st Street.
- Loop Road: Sea Captain to 141st Street.
- Twin Tree Road: 136th to 139th streets.
- South Surf Road: 136th Street to end.
- Holly Lane: South Surf to end.

Work from now until May consists of the following:

Sandpiper Energy is installing gas mains and laterals. By franchise agreement, Sandpiper is required to reach out

to all adjacent property owners indicating the availability of gas forthcoming. Keep in mind the initial gas will be propane until such time they reach Caine Woods with the conversion from propane to natural gas. Based on Sandpiper's current schedule, Caine Woods will not be converted for 12 to 18 months.

We are replacing the current failing storm drain pipes, any corner handicap ramps that are not ADA-complaint, and any sections of sidewalks that have reached a state of condemnation due to cracks, spawling, settlement. etc.

Driveway aprons that are not ADAcomplaint or need to be modified due to roadway grades will be replaced.

Water and sewer laterals will be installed to any vacant lots that align with our work areas that may not already have laterals. This is being done in an effort to minimize the potential for having to cut a new street surface in the near future.

We are working with Delmarva Power, Comcast, Verizon and Crown Castle to allow them to complete any infrastructure upgrades in the work zone while we have the areas disturbed.

Upon completion of the above work, on any given street, the roadway cuts/ trenches will be patched back with a temporary pavement.

We will NOT resurface entire streets, curb to curb, prior to the summer of 2019 but will return in October 2019 to complete a mass overlay pavement effort followed by striping and crosswalks.

By completing the paving in the fall, we can maximize our storm drain installation work all winter with the minimal staffing we have and position us to avoid disturbing residents by working into May, June, etc. Equally important, it allows us all

(Public Works, gas company, Comcast, DPL, etc.) to assure nothing was missed prior to paving. If we find an infrastructure upgrade was missed, we will address it in September before paving.

141st Street

Work on 141st Street is being completed by Public Works as an outsourced and managed effort, with George & Lynch Inc. of Dover, DE. In the simplest of summaries I offer the following:

We have begun sanitary sewer main replacement, inclusive of new laterals, working from Coastal Highway west. This effort goes as far west as Sand Dune but is being completed in one-block intervals.

Staging for the contractors' equipment is between Coastal Highway and Sinepuxent Avenue. It is our intent to continue with use of that one block and have it remain closed.

Asplundh Tree Service will be trimming the overhanging tree canopy along 141st Street to assure we have at least an 18-foot vertical clearance. This is needed so that trucks dumping asphalt into a paving machine can avoid tree branches.

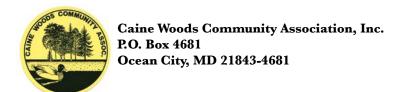
The storm drainage system will be replaced in two-block intervals.

The gas company is currently installing gas mains on the west end of 141st Street. Once George & Lynch progresses

a few blocks west of Coastal Highway, the gas company will move to the east end of the street and fall in behind G&L in their westward progression. City Engineer Terry McGean has provided the consulting engineering company his conceptual layout as to sidewalks, curb locations and street narrowing.

If the weather this winter cooperates, we intend to have 141st Street completely finished and paved in early spring inclusive of striping and crosswalks.





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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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