



Caine Woods Community Association

NEWSLETTER

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Message from CWCA President Joe Kostelac

We have survived winter thus far with little snow but enough cold to make our longing for spring insatiable.

The chill of winter has not deterred construction efforts around our community, however

New storm drains and total reconstruction of 141st Street by town contractors is well on the way, with a completion scheduled for early April.

This contractor is often working 12 hour days and Saturdays to stay ahead of the game. The noise from heavy equipment and the lack of street parking has been a bit trying, but a beautiful end product will surely add to property values throughout our community. Look for a complete update later in this news-

letter. We thank the town for investing in our community.

We received just one request this year for our charity of the year. It was made by Friends of Possibilities, which helps children with Type 1 diabetes enjoy a week of summer camp. It is a cause well served!

We encourage all able-bodied neighbors to join us at Fiesta Park for our annual spring clean-up April 6. We make great use of the park and facilities for all our events, and it is a treasure to have in the neighborhood. The clean-up coincides with the town's spring clean-up weekend with free bulk pickup April 6-7. Get those big items that are too difficult to haul away and kick them to the curb!

Our 2019 kick-off picnic is set for Saturday, June 22, noon to 3 p.m. at Fiesta Park. We look forward to seeing everyone again! Come out and enjoy a fun afternoon of food and camaraderie.

Bob Higgins of Higgins Crab House has graciously agreed to host our 11th annual charity crab fest on Saturday, Sept. 22. Get your tickets early, as this day of socializing and crab picking is always a sell-out.

Finally, as we inch toward spring, we look forward to the return of our snow-bird neighbors. Continue to keep a watchful eye on their homes, and be sure to call OCPD if you see any suspicious activity.

Hope to see you all soon!

CWCA selects Friends of Possibilities

Every year, the Caine Woods Community Association officers and directors choose a local charity that will receive the proceeds from our crab feast in September and from raffles held at other association events.

At its Feb. 27 meeting, the officers and board selected Friends of Possibilities as this year's charity. Since 2002, this non-profit has been enriching the lives of children with diabetes. Often, because of the complexity of diabetes management, these kids do not get the chance to go to a summer camp. This year, the group hopes to send 95 children to a week-long camp where the kids can enjoy swimming, fishing, arts and crafts, sports and more in a medically safe environment.

We look forward to working with this group and hope to have a successful fundraising effort in 2019!

Fiesta Park clean-up April 6

In conjunction with the Town of Ocean City's annual bulk pickup project April 6-7, the Caine Woods Community Association will hold its traditional spring clean-up of Fiesta Park Saturday, April 6, beginning at 10 a.m.

CWCA volunteers will pick up trash and litter, rake up pine cones and do whatever is needed to make the park the natural resource that it is in Caine Woods. The Ocean City Recreation and Parks Department will provide a crew, supplies and other gear to help out with the clean-up.

Burgers, hot dogs, refreshments and other goodies will be provided to all who help.

Volunteers should bring gloves and rakes. In the past, a crew of up to 20 completed the clean-up in about two hours.

Picnic June 22 at Fiesta Park

The annual Caine Woods summer kick-off picnic will be held Saturday, June 22, at Fiesta Park from noon to 3 p.m. The rain date is June 23.

A wide array of food and beverages will be provided including hot dogs, hamburgers, salads and more. Bring an extra \$1 or \$5 to purchase tickets for the 50/50 raffle. Proceeds will be donated to Friends of Possibilities.

We always welcome volunteers to help out at the event and to clean up the park after the festivities are over. We ask that you do not carry food out from the picnic area. If a house-bound

person requests food, please inform the registration table crew ahead of time.

If you'd like to bring a guest, the cost is \$10 each; children under age 12 are free. Due to insurance liability, all children must be accompanied by an adult. Please be courteous and do not bring any animals to the picnic.

For more information, call Joe Kostelac at 410-250-5665 or email joekost@comcast.net.

OC Police establish surveillance camera registry

The OC Police Department is using surveillance footage as an investigative tool more often as residential and commercial surveillance cameras rise in popularity. To find available cameras more easily, the OCPD has established a registry.

Surveillance camera footage has been a part of countless investigations in recent years. Currently, when an investigator feels that surveillance footage would be helpful to a case, the officer must determine where cameras are located and if they would be helpful. The registry allows officers to locate cameras quickly, and to have a detailed description of the camera along with the property owner's contact information.

To sign up, visit www.oceancitymd.gov/police or call 410-520-5395.

Emergency response training offered

Emergency services personnel from the Town of Ocean City and Worcester County are teaming up to offer a community-wide training course to residents. The nine-week Community Emergency Response Team basic training program begins April 11 at the Ocean City Public Safety Building.

The CERT program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may affect their area. Local and state program managers can form their programs in the way that best suits their community by training participants in basic disaster response skills. CERT volunteers are trained to respond

safely, responsibly and effectively to emergency situations, but they can also support their community in non-emergency events as well.

"CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks," said Joseph Theobald, director of Emergency Services for Ocean City. "Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters is enhanced."

To learn more, call 410-723-6616 or visit www.ocmdemergency.com.

Beware of the latest phone scam

The Ocean City Police Department has seen an increase in a variety of phone scams. The majority have involved a caller claiming to represent the Internal Revenue Service. The caller will demand immediate payment for unpaid taxes and threaten arrest if the victim does not comply.

Citizens have reported that the callers are very convincing, stating specific details about the victim or using false IRS identification badge numbers and titles. Often, scammers will alter the caller ID to make it seem as if the IRS is calling.

The IRS assures citizens that the agency does not call to demand immediate payment and will first mail a bill to any taxpayer who owes taxes. For more information, visit www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-scams-consumer-alerts.

You can pay your CWCA dues online

Great news! Now, our members can pay their dues anytime, from the comfort of home, using our 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.

CWCA Membership Application/Renewal

Mr. Ms. M/M _____
(Circle One) (First Name) (Spouse's First Name) (Last Name)

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(If Different)

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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

2019 CWCA events

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

- **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 Aug. 25.
- **Aug. 28:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Sept. 21:** Charity crab feast, Higgins North Crab House, 2-5 p.m.
- **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.



CWCA members present a check to the Open Kettle Soup Kitchen at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. The CWCA raised \$5,100 in 2018 for this non-profit organization. Front: Senior Pastor Frank Harpster and Karen Butterweck of St. Peter's; CWCA President Joe Kostelac; John Oleksak of Higgins Crab House. Back: CWCA members Rich Hansen, Irene Hansen, Lloyd Martin, Dennis Dare; Carly Meagher of Higgins Crab House.

Spreading holiday cheer in Caine Woods

Santa joined CWCA members at the Christmas caroling party Dec. 11, as they rode around the neighborhood singing carols and greeting friends and families. Carolers then returned to the Elks Club for food and refreshments. We thank the Town of Ocean City for providing the tram and the Elks for preparing and serving the food.



Police personnel, volunteers honored

Nearly 200 guests gathered Jan. 25 at the Grand Hotel to recognize OC Police Department personnel and volunteers for their accomplishments in 2018.

Pfc. Nathan Kutz was named Officer of the Year. He was chosen by the seven neighborhood watch area coordinators. Also nominated were Cpl. Chip Green, Cpl. Jeffrey Heiser, Pfc. Corey Gemerek, Pfc. Michael Karsnitz, and Pfc. Edward Newcomb.

Volunteers of the OCPD Auxiliary Unit were also recognized for their contribution of 2,483 volunteer hours in 2018. Kathy Grimes received an additional award for volunteering 1,216 hours of service. This year, the Auxiliary Officer of the Year was awarded to Charlie Judd, Dorothy Morse, and Tonja Sas. Each has participated since the program was created.

The following officers were also recognized:

Meritorious Service Commendation: Pfc. Michael Karsnitz.

Special Commendation: Lt. Dennis Eade, Sgt. Joseph Bushnell, Sgt. Charles Kelley, Pfc. Ryan Flanagan, Pfc. Jacob Fetterolf, Ofc. Connor Finch.

Excellent Performance Commendation: Lt. Greg DeGiovanni, Sgt. Freddie Howard, Cpl. Jeffrey Johns, Cpl. Michael Kelly, Cpl. Kyle Murray, Pfc. Likeke Arlington, Pfc. Joseph Centofranchi, Pfc. Ryan Flanagan, Pfc. Kevin Flower, Pfc. Amy Gutowski, Pfc. Daniel Jacobs, Pfc. Nathan Kutz, Pfc. Sean McHugh, Pfc. Edward Newcomb, Pfc. Carl Perry, Pfc. David Whitmer (2), Pfc. Joseph Zurla, Ofc. Harry Miller, Ofc. Riley Scott, SO Christopher Palmer.

Unit Citation: K-9 Unit.

Certificate of Outstanding Service: Daniel Burt.

Certificate of Appreciation: Lou Lombardo.

Employees were also recognized for their retirements and promotions. Capt. Kevin Kirstein, Capt. Greg Guiton, Lt. Scott Kirkpatrick, and Sgt. Mark Paddock each retired this year after serving a collective total of nearly 125 years to the town.

The following officers were promoted in 2018: Capt. Ray Austin, Capt. Elton Harmon, Lt. Greg DeGiovanni, Lt. Dennis Eade, Lt. Frank Wrench, Sgt. Allen Hawk, Sgt. Freddie Howard, Sgt. Jim Runkles, Sgt. Rick Wawrzeniak, Cpl. Jeffrey Heiser, Cpl. Jeffrey Johns, Cpl. Kyle Murray, Cpl. Chris Wrench, Pfc. Herbert Jenkins, Pfc. Jessica Johnson, Custody Officer, Mary Chaney, and Custody Officer Lucinda Kuehn.



Officer of the year Nathan Kutz and Chief Ross Buzurro



Auxiliary officer of the year Tonja Sas and Chief Ross Buzurro

Caine Woods history: 1997-1998

The CWCA officers for 1997 to 1998 were Carroll Wagner, president; Linda Perlozzo, vice-president; Ruth Childress, secretary; Tom Berry, treasurer; Margaret Sas, corresponding secretary; Stan Buddenbohn, auditor; Margot Pierro, newsletter editor. Board members were Glenn Steckman, Richard Atkinson, Dorothy Brubach, Jack Kennedy, Ellen Glagola, Dave McCloskey, Jack Nickels, Laura Rosenblatt and Jeannette Tressler. We had 377 members.

The OC Beautification Committee awarded Frank and Joan Florentino, 406 Fountain Rd., in the Tree-Mendous program; 17 people in Caine Woods requested trees to honor someone.

Bonnie Gisriel and Joan Thomas suggested a hospitality basket be given to new residents. They were allotted \$50 to begin their work.

The Neighborhood Watch Officer of the Year banquet was held Jan. 29, 1998, at Jordan's Restaurant. Caine Woods donated \$150 to the OC Police Department.

A cherry tree and bench with bronze plaque was placed in North Surf Park. The dedication of the Avenue of Cherries (142nd Street) was held April 10.

The neighborhood yard sale in Fiesta Park was July 11. The board voted to donate \$100 toward the purchase of a beach wheelchair, which cost \$975 each.

Jack Kennedy and another photographer took photos of the OC Fire Department, both present and past. He wants to give each fireman a copy of the photo. The board voted to give \$75 to help cover the cost.

The June bull roast was such a success, we ran out of food. Margaret Sas suggested the picnic not be advertised in the local newspapers because it is a private picnic for Caine Woods members and invited guests.

The board received complaints about dog walkers who do not leash and clean up after their dogs.

— *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 deepest sympathies to Tonja Sas on the loss of her father, Ed, and to Irene Hansen on the loss of her sister. Thinking-of-you cards were sent to Dennis Dare, Dave Behr, Raymond Cramer and Cathy Bocci.

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.

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:

- Christina and Melvin Houston, 139th Street.
- Jane Hammen, North Ocean Road.
- Eleanor and Ray Tagnon, Lighthouse Avenue.
- Meaghan Beach, Fiesta Road.
- Janice & Mark Finnerty, 136th Street.
- Christine & Dan Remley, Twin Tree Road.
- Carla, Ray and Jacob Slye, 141st Street.

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

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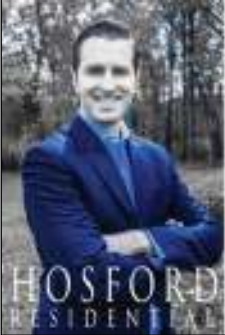
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The newsletter is published in March, July and November.*

*For more information, call or email Joe Kostelac at
410-250-5665 or joekost@comcast.net.*

Caine Woods road rehabilitations

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

141st Street

Under a contract between the Town of Ocean City and George & Lynch Contractors, 141st Street is having its infrastructure repaired and replaced. Storm drain replacement is nearly complete and will be finished in mid-March.

New sidewalks and curbs are in progress and will be complete within a week or two. These sidewalks will provide a wider, flat and more walkable surface.

Base paving has been installed from Coastal Highway toward the bay as concrete walks are completed. The final top surface course paving will begin very soon.

Conduits for new street lights are being installed for the new LED street lights, to provide a safer roadway.

Irrigation systems and sod placement is ongoing.



The tentative completion date for all work on 141st Street is the first week of April.

Other Caine Woods Streets

North Ocean Road, Barge Road, Fiesta Road, Sailing Road and Sea Captain Road from 141st Street south to the intersection with 136th Street, Twin Tree and South Surf Road and including Twin Tree, South Surf and Holly Lane are having storm drains replaced and updated.

Other utility infrastructure has been inspected and repaired as needed. Chesapeake Gas Utility has installed new lines in preparation for providing natural gas

when available in Caine Woods.

Work on these projects will continue into May; if not completed, it will be finished in the fall. All trenches will be patched for the summer season, and work will continue next fall to mill and pave these roadways from curb to curb.



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