



Caine Woods Community Association

NEWSLETTER

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Message from CWCA President Joe Kostelac

Winter is nearly behind us and yet not even a flake — knock on wood. While it hasn't been without a few bone-chilling days, we have been very fortunate. We can safely turn our thoughts to gardens and a new spring wardrobe.

This spring we will be without major construction in our neighborhood, though Delmarva Power will continue to upgrade our electrical grid. It is but a mild and necessary disruption compared with last spring's road work.

We received three requests this year to be chosen our charity of the year: Surfer's Healing, the Josh and Tommy Memorial Police Scholarship and the Open Door Feeding Ministry. At our February board meeting, the Josh and Tommy Memorial Scholarship and the Open

Door Feeding Ministry were selected as the recipients of our fund-raising efforts at our picnics and crab fest.

It's almost time for our annual Fiesta Park spring clean-up Saturday, March 28, at 10 a.m. Join us as we freshen up the park, pick up trash and do some raking. Lunch will be served to all helpers and city workers who will be hard at work during bulk pickup weekend throughout OC. Please come out and join us — it's a fun day in the neighborhood.

Our kick-off picnic has been changed to Saturday, June 27, noon to 3 p.m. at Fiesta Park. It is a great time to catch up with neighbors you may not have seen all winter. The culinary offerings will definitely tempt your palate! It's also a perfect time to renew your CWCA membership.

I am pleased to announce that Bob Higgins of Higgins Crab House has graciously agreed to host our 12th annual charity crab fest on Saturday, Oct. 3 (please note date change), from 2 to 5 p.m. at Higgins North. Tickets will be available soon. Get them early as this all-you-can-eat crab feast is always a sellout.

As the weather permits a casual walk around the neighborhood, please check out Fiesta Park and see what is going on in our new pollinator garden.

Finally, please continue to keep a watchful eye on your neighbors' homes and our community, and call the Ocean City Police Department if you see any suspicious activity. The OCPD considers every call for service important.

Hope to see you all soon!

Fiesta Park clean-up March 28

In conjunction with the Town of Ocean City's annual free bulk pickup project March 28-29, the Caine Woods Community Association will hold its traditional spring clean-up of Fiesta Park Saturday, March 28, beginning at 10 a.m.

CWCA volunteers will pick up trash, rake up debris and do whatever is needed to make the park the natural resource that it is. The OC 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.

During this weekend, residents can place household items such as furniture, appliances, carpet, etc., curbside for free pickup Saturday and Sunday. For details, visit www.oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/public-works/solid-waste/ or call 410-524-0318.

Picnic date changed to June 27

The annual Caine Woods summer kick-off picnic will be held **Saturday, June 27**, at Fiesta Park from noon to 3 p.m. The rain

date is June 28. An array of food and beverages will be provided including ham, barbecue, hot dogs, salads and more. Bring an extra \$1 or \$5 to purchase tickets for the 50/50 raffle.

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 housebound 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.



CWCA selects two organizations for its 2020 fund-raising efforts

Every year, the Caine Woods Community Association officers and directors choose a local charity that will receive the proceeds from our September special event and from raffles held at other association events. Last year's donation to Friends of Possibilities was \$4,400.

At its Feb. 26 meeting, the officers and board selected two local organizations.

The Josh and Tommy Memorial Scholarship Program is an annual scholarship award that provides financial assistance to graduates of the OC Police Department Seasonal Police Academy for educational purposes. This merit-based competition focuses on rewarding goal-oriented individuals with a public safety career goal and is a one-time award of at least \$500 annually.

OCPD PFC Joshua Dale Adickes and Officer Thomas James Geoghegan Jr. were dedicated and courageous both on and off duty. Josh and Tommy died together while off duty in a tragic plane crash on June 30, 2013, in Ocean City. The program honors the two with a scholarship to help other officers pursue their college careers.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church offers its Open Door Feeding Ministry every Wednesday with a free lunch at the church located at 10301 Coastal Highway. Along with soups, sandwiches, desserts and beverages, the ministry also offers bags of groceries, clothing, fellowship and social services to the physically and spiritually hungry of the world.

We look forward to working with these two groups and hope to have a successful fund-raising effort this year!

Drop off your old drugs at OCPD

Don't know what to do with those old medications that have been hiding in the back of your medicine cabinet for months, or even years? Take them to the drug drop-off box in the lobby of

the Public Safety Building on 65th Street bayside. They will be disposed of properly, no questions asked.

MVA Mobile Office coming to OC

The ezMVA Mobile Office will be at the Ocean City Public Safety Building on 66th Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 10, April 7, May 5 and June 9.

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.

CWCA yard sales set for July 11

Start cleaning out your attics and closets! Our annual community-wide yard sale will be held Saturday, July 11, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, July 12.

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.

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 applies to online rentals as well. Compliance with the laws, ordinances and regulations within the city and state ensures safe, healthy and habitable housing conditions in rental housing units.

Applications may be obtained at City Hall or by calling 410-289-8833.

Properties that may be in violation of rental license or a safety, building or health code should be reported to City Hall at 410-289-8855.

2020 CWCA events

— PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN SOME DATES SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER —

- **March 28, 2020:** Fiesta Park spring cleanup, 10 a.m.
- **April 22, 2020:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m. Tiburon meeting room.
- **May 27, 2020:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m. Tiburon meeting room.
- **June 24, 2020:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m. Tiburon meeting room.
- **June 27, 2020:** Picnic, noon-3 p.m. Fiesta Park. Rain date June 28.
- **July 1, 2020** (approximate): Newsletter mailing.
- **July 11, 2020:** Caine Woods yard sales, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Rain date July 12.
- **July 22, 2020:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m. Tiburon meeting room.
- **Aug. 26, 2020:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m. Tiburon meeting room.
- **Aug. 29, 2020:** Picnic, membership meeting, election of officers, 4-6 p.m. Fiesta Park. Rain date Aug. 30.
- **Sept. 23, 2020:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m. Tiburon meeting room.
- **Oct. 3, 2020:** Charity crab feast, 2-5 p.m., Higgins Crab House North.
- **Oct. 28, 2020:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m. Tiburon meeting room.
- **Nov. 1, 2020** (approximate): Newsletter mailing.
- **Dec. 8, 2020:** Caroling & holiday party, 6 p.m., Elks Club.

Caroling party brings holiday cheer

Members and friends sang their way through the neighborhood at the annual caroling event Dec. 10, followed by dinner at the Elks Club



Caine Woods history: 2000

Remember the Y2K threat when the fear was that all computers would have a big glitch?

Officers for 2000-2001 were: Margo Piero, president; Jack Nickels, vice-president; Tonja Sas, treasurer; Ellen Glagola, secretary; Margaret Sas, corresponding secretary; Betty Ann Peters, newsletter editor; Mary Ellen Breham, auditor.

Board members were Carroll Wagner, Henry Ammerman, Jim Aschenbach, Frank Buscemi, Gladys Handy, Irene Hansen, Fran Kennedy, Agnes Schaper, Anita Sullivan and Jeanette Tressler.

Membership in the association totaled 412.

All Caine Woods records were not in one place, so steps were being taken to consolidate all documents.

Officer Howard Caplan of the Ocean City Police Department gave a report that the PD received only three calls in October. One peeping tom arrest was made.

Caplan spoke to Mr. Henley of the Department of Transportation about the time allowed for pedestrians to cross Coastal Highway. The board believed the time allowed is not sufficient for parents, grandparents with children and the handicapped to cross the highway. The board continued to pursue this issue.

The north end bus depot prospect was discussed. Margaret Sas was concerned

about the crime this type of facility might bring to our area.

Fran Kennedy volunteered to be chairperson of Beautification Committee. There are seven flower beds that needed tending.

The board began looking into establishing a website for the Caine Woods neighborhood.

As a result of our resident survey, the board asked members to share their email addresses so the association can share community news.

Officer Caplan was promoted to PFC — congratulations!

— *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

Irene Hansen 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 Irene at 410-250-1154 or iah317@aol.com and she will send a card.

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 Vance Row, 410-7262469; v.row@comcast.net.

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 Julie Valcourt at 410-908-7789 or email javalcourt@gmail.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:

- Donna and Guillermo Ulmos, 143rd Street.
- Donna and Don Patterson, Twin Tree Road.
- Kathy and Joe Zynel, Sea Captain Road.
- Arlene and Jim Klair, Lighthouse Avenue.
- Jessica and Brian Davis, Barge Road.
- Vickie Leese, 141st Street.
- Lee and Jeffrey Poff, Barge Road.
- Karen and Corey Belt and Jim Spriggs, Tunnel Avenue.
- Denise and Carl McKinney, Sinexpent Avenue.
- Laura and John Mullen, South Surf Road.
- Janice and William Daugherty, Fiesta Road.
- Sharon and Eugene Hutson, Lighthouse Avenue.
- Sarah and Shaun Poulton, 142nd Street.
- Terri and Tom Vande Sande, 140th Street.
- Teresa and Kevin Arnold, 142nd Street.
- Lori and James Bryan, 142nd Street.
- Kerrie and Todd Baker, 143rd Street.
- Michele and Nick Bocchicchio, Twin Tree Road.
- Tara and Richard Levesque, South Surf Road.



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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 Joe Kostelac at
410-250-5665 or joekost@comcast.net.

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 \$15.90 per applicant.

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. on non-holiday dates; 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.

Boat, trailer and RV parking

Please remember the following ordinance regarding trailers and oversized vehicles:

- No trailer or oversized vehicle parking is allowed on Baltimore Avenue at any time.
- No trailer or oversized vehicle may park on any street or public lot without a permit between May 1 and Oct. 31, except the 100th Street municipal lot and the West Ocean City Park and Ride.

- Permits are available to registered participants of certain special events from event promoters including Cruisin' Ocean City, OC Bikefest and Endless Summer Cruisin' for a fee of \$50.

- Other permits will be issued on a case-by-case basis by the Town of Ocean City's Director of Special Events.

- The ordinance applies to trailers that are both attached and detached from vehicles.

- An oversized vehicle is any vehicle that is either over 21 feet, 2 inches in length and/or over 6 feet, 8 inches in width.

- The fine for trailer and oversized vehicle violations is \$250.

- Scofflaws (three or more outstanding tickets or \$100 or more in outstanding fines) may be booted or towed.

For more information, call the Ocean City Police Department at 410-723-6610.

Fire department: Every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm

Location matters when it comes to your smoke alarm. That's the message behind the National Fire Protection Association campaign, "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!"

Other important information about fire alarms:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they don't respond properly.
- Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the smoke alarm and understands what to do when they hear it.
- If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.
- Call the fire department from outside the home.

What to do if you smell gas

Natural gas and propane are safe, reliable and convenient, and it adds to our comfort, so why does it have to smell so bad?

Natural gas and propane are odorless by nature, so for safety's sake, an odorant called mercaptan is added so that you will know if gas is escaping and recognize that a potentially dangerous situation may exist.

Natural gas and propane that have escaped can enter locations (including

properties that don't have natural gas service) by migrating and entering through openings.

So, if you ever detect a "rotten egg" smell in or near your home or place of business, take the following precautions to help keep your family, friends and colleagues safe.

Remember, here's what to do if you smell gas:

- Do leave your home or building immediately.

- Do immediately call your local emergency number (911) from a cell phone outside the home or building, or from a neighboring location, to immediately report the suspected gas leak.

- Do not use your telephone, turn on or off the light switches, light a match or do anything that might create a spark or flame.

- Do not re-enter the building where the leak is suspected until emergency professionals give the OK.



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