

Caine Woods Community Association

NEWSLETTER

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Message from CWCA President Brian Shane

Greetings to all our Caine Woods homeowners and residents. I'm Brian Shane and I'm your new association president. It's my pleasure to make your acquaintance.

It goes without saying how challenging this year has been for all of us. Some of us may even have lost loved ones as a result of this global health crisis, or know people who have. My thoughts are with those of you as we patiently wait for the pandemic to end.

It's my belief that this crisis only has strengthened our sense of community, knowing that we're all in this together.

On the bright side, this year, we took the idea of social distancing and made it work for us: Instead of holding a crab feast for hundreds of people at once in the same location, which proved impossible because of the pandemic, we turned our annual crab feast tickets into de facto gift cards. Doing it this way was a hit! In the future, we may consider offering a hybrid of this year's ticketed system and our traditional in-person feast.

I'm also pleased to report that our crab feast tickets have raised thousands of dollars for local charities, including a scholarship fund for men and women pursuing a law enforcement career here in Ocean City. The OCPD scholarship fund was established in memory of two beloved police officers, Tommy Geoghegan and Josh Adickes, who were lost to us in a tragic 2013 plane crash. We're excited to help get this new charity off the ground and to continue supporting our local police department.

Speaking of police, we're also glad to be collaborating with the OCPD and other municipal agencies in pursuit of safer Caine Woods roads. Many of you already know that I met with the Ocean City Council at their most recent meeting, and the council is in support of finding solutions to the problem of unsafe driving throughout our community.

City Engineer Terry McGean followed up by coming to our Oct. 28 association meeting at Fiesta Park. Terry listened to our concerns and shared some ideas on traffic management that may be implemented in the not-too-distant future.

My wife and I are proud to call Caine Woods home, and I'm excited to be in this role for the next three years. It is my privilege to serve not only as your association president, but as your neighbor and your friend. Please feel free to reach out anytime at cwca@cainewoodsoc.org.

Best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving and a joyful holiday season.

CWCA election results

Because of issues related to COVID-19, the Caine Woods Community Association had to cancel its end-of-summer picnic in August. We were to hold elections for officers and board members at that picnic, but because of the cancelation, we instead sent a letter to all members listing the nominations for the upcoming term. There were no objections to the nominations.

The 2020-2021 slate of officers is as follows:

President: Brian Shane. Vice president: Joe Kostelac. Recording secretary: Judy Holler. Corresponding secretary: Julie Valcourt. Treasurer: Vance Row. Immediate past president: Joe Kostelac.

Board of Directors: Howard Caplan, Dennis Dare, Elizabeth Dare, Irene Hansen, Mary Ann LeMay, Lloyd Martin, Tonja Sas.

Christmas caroling, party canceled

Bah, humbug. Due to restrictions related to the pandemic, the Caine Woods Community Association must cancel our annual

Christmas caroling and holiday party, which was to take place Dec. 8.

CWCA officers and board members are considering alternatives to celebrate the season while keeping safe, so please check your email often for updates. Our Facebook and NextDoor pages are also updated as changes occur.

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 2021 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.

Since 2009, we have raised close to \$50,000 and donated to the OC Police Department's Josh and Tommy Memorial Scholar-

ship Program, Diakonia, Camp Possibilities, the N.O.E.L. Community, St. Peter's Lutheran Church Open Kettle Soup Kitchen, Message of Hope Cancer Fund, the Cricket Center, the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program and Believe in Tomorrow.

To be considered, please call Brian Shane at 410-726-3016 or email cwca@cainewoodsoc.org. <u>The deadline for applications is Jan. 15</u>.

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.

Caine Woods is on Facebook and Nextdoor

The Caine Woods Community Association is on Facebook! Just search for Caine Woods Community Association. We 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.

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 9.

CWCA meetings in January and February will be held via ZOOM

At the October CWCA board meeting, officers and board members voted to hold its January and February monthly meetings via ZOOM video conferencing. Please remember, all board meetings are open to the public.

If you would like an invitation to attend the virtual meeting, send an email to cwca@cainewoodsoc.org.

The meetings will be Jan. 27 and Feb. 24.

2021 CWCA events

These events are subject to change. Members will be notified via email of changes.

For details, contact any board member or email cwca@cainewoodsoc.org.

- Jan. 15: Deadline for applications for 2021 charity of the year.
- Jan. 27: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., via ZOOM.
- Feb. 24: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., via ZOOM. NOTE:
 Presentations from charity applicants are held at this meeting. The CWCA officers & board will then vote to determine the 2021 charity of the
- March 1 (approximate): Newsletter mailing.
- March 24: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., location to be determined.

- March 27: Fiesta Park cleanup. Details to be determined. Bulk pickup weekend is March 27-28.
- April 28: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., location to be determined.
- May 26: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., location to be determined.
- June 23: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., location to be determined.
- June 26: Picnic, noon-3 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date June 27.
- July 1 (approximate): Newsletter mailing.
- July 28: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., location to be determined.

- Aug. 25: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., location to be determined.
- Aug. 28: Picnic, membership meeting, election of officers, 4-6 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date Aug. 29.
- **September:** Charity special event, to be determined.
- **Sept. 22:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., location to be determined.
- Oct. 27: CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., location to be determined.
- Nov. 1 (approximate): Newsletter mailing.
- **Dec. 7:** Caroling party, details to be determined.

Token of appreciation



(above) Incoming CWCA President
Brian Shane presents a token of
thanks and appreciation to Tonja
Sas for her having served 22 years
in the role of treasurer. She stepped
down from the role this year.

(right) The Caine Woods Community Association's plaque that was presented to Tonja.



Cyberthieves are posing as major companies in phishing schemes

Have you received an unexpected email, phone call or text from a major company like Amazon, Google or Apple? Before you respond to an email, text or call, know that it's probably a scam, according to the Maryland Consumer Protection Division.

Often, these emails/calls/texts will state that your account has unusual or suspicious activity; your account needs attention; you need to update your payment information; or you need to take some other action, usually "urgently."

Other times, you may receive what looks like an order confirmation, which may or may not include an attachment, for an item you didn't purchase.

A scam email or text will often ask you to click a link, open an attachment or call a number to resolve the issue. When people respond, they're often asked to purchase gift cards or visit a website to input payment information to resolve the issue.

You should never call any number, open any attachments or visit any website one of these calls or emails tells you to. The link could send you to a malicious website or launch a virus into your computer or phone.

Major companies like Amazon, Apple and Google will not ask you for personal information unless you initiated the call. If your phone service allows it, you may wish to block the suspicious caller's number.

There are red flags that can tip you off that you're dealing with a scam. It could contain poor grammar and/or spelling, or the content just seems strange or far-fetched. If the email originated from a different account than the supposed company trying to contact you, it may be fraudulent. If the link says www.amazon.com, but displays something completely different when you hover your cursor over it, it may be fraudulent. Finally, if you didn't sign up for text messages or alerts from a particular company, you should ask yourself why they would contact you that way.

If you do need to contact a company's customer support, go directly to the company's official website.

If you provide information or purchase gift cards at the request of these scammers, recovering your money will be very difficult. Providing personal information also makes you vulnerable to identity theft. If you believe you have been a victim, contact your local police department.

Takes steps to secure your home

We urge everyone to make sure that your houses are safe and secure. Please lock all doors and windows and we recommend that you have outside lighting, especially in the back yard. Motion-detector lights are particularly effective and efficient.

Please report *any* suspicious activity or persons to the police, using 911 or the non-emergency number, 410-723-6610.

If you 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 for more information.

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, where you will find a link to the surveillance camera registry form. The registry is confidential and accessible only to the OCPD.

For more information, call 410-520-5395.

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, 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.

Helpful websites

- Town of Ocean City municipal website: www.oceancitymd.-gov
- Ocean City Police Department: www.oceancitymd.gov
- OC Recreation and Parks Department: www.oceancitymd.-gov/oc/departments/recreation-parks
- Town of Ocean City Tourism: www.ococean.com
- Ocean City inlet webcam: www.oceancitymd.gov/oc/inletwebcam
- Ocean City boardwalk webcam: www.ococean.com/explore-oc/oc-webcam
- Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company: www.ocvfc.com
- Ocean City Chamber of Commerce: www.oceancity.org
- Ocean City Chamber of Commerce webcams: www.oceancity.org/media-center/webcams
- Worcester County: www.co.worcester.md.us
- Worcester County Library: www.worcesterlibrary.org
- Worcester County Public Schools: www.worcesterk12.com
- State of Maryland: www.maryland.gov

Caine Woods T-shirts available!



Our treasurer, Vance Row, models the latest fashion in Ocean City — the official Caine Woods T-shirt!

To purchase one for just \$20, call or text Vance at 410-726-2469 and he will coordinate pickup or delivery.

Get them while they last!

- State of Maryland Traffic Cameras: www.chart.state.md.us/travinfo/trafficcams.php
- Ocean City Area Museums: www.ococean.com/things-to-do/explore/museums
- Ocean City Performing Arts Center: www.ocmdperformingartscenter.com
- Atlantic General Hospital: www.atlanticgeneral.org
- Peninsula Regional Medical Center: www.peninsula.org
- Maryland Coast Dispatch: www.mdcoastdispatch.com
- Ocean City Today: www.oceancitytoday.net



If you have an upcoming celebration or special event in your life, or if you know a Caine Woods neighbor who'd appreciate a friendly greeting, let us know! Our Sunshine Committee Chairperson, Irene Hansen, will reach out and send a card. Call Irene at 410-250-1154 or email iah317@aol.com.

Caine Woods history: 2002-2003

In 2002/2003 our officers were Glenn Steckman, president; Lloyd Martin, vicepresident; Tonja Sas, treasurer; Robert LeMay, secretary; Margaret Sas, corresponding secretary; Joe Coleman, auditor.

Board members were Henry Ammerman, Jim Aschenbach, Frank Buscemi, Irene Hansen, Fran Kennedy, Jack Nickels, Mark Paddack, Agnes Schaper and Jeannette Tressler.

City Council member Vince Gisriel and Steckman led a discussion on the proposed north end bus depot across from the property on 144th Street owned by the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington. Board members asked that city officials attend an upcoming meeting.

The CWCA was raising funds to place a Christmas tree on the median strip on



Coastal Highway. To date \$746 had been collected of the \$1,500 needed.

Lighthouse Village condos had burglaries, assaults and malicious destruction of property. The OC Police Department increased bike patrols in the neighborhood.

The City Council voted to provide a parcel of land for a new library in Ocean City.

The notorious peeper from Delaware was sentenced to one year and three years probation.

There were problems at Fenwick Inn.
The CWCA wanted a meeting place in our neighborhood. The Tiburon condominium did not allow us to meet in their meeting room. So meetings were held at St. Matthew's by the Sea in Fenwick Island. The board voted to contribute \$100 to St. Matthew's.

Fran Kennedy planted flowers and plants in the five flower beds around Caine Woods and they were very attractive. She continued to keep them clean, including picking up beer bottles in some places.

Mary Ann LeMay,
 CWCA Historian

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

CWCA Membership Application/Renewal

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

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 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month except November and December. Due to COVID restrictions, we have been meeting either via Zoom or at Fiesta Park instead of the Tiburon Condominium meeting room.

A notice will be posted on the Tiburon meeting room door on the day of the meeting with specifics about the meeting. Our January and February meetings in 2021 will be held via Zoom. To receive an electronic invitation, please email

cwca@cainewoodsoc.org

Because circumstances are ever-changing due to the pandemic, we suggest calling or emailing CWCA President Brian Shane at 410-726-3016 or cwca@cainewoodsoc.org for up-to-date information about our monthly meetings.

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.

Our sympathies to Nancy Galvin and to Scott and Natalie Henderick.

Get well wishes go out to Don Gigilio.

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 <u>javalcourt@gmail.com</u>.

The cost of a membership is \$20 per year. That entitles members to admission to our picnics, with food and beverages provided.

Also, there is Christmas caroling and holiday party (unless restricted by the pandemic), 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.

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, text or email Vance Row, 410-726-2469; 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.

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 will send this newsletter electronically unless you opt out.

If you change your email address, please let us know at v.row@comcast.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:

- Monica and Michael Green, Caine Stable Road.
- Margaret Pagliara, Barge Road.
- Sue and Joe Halley, Sailing Road.
- Stephanie and William Harte, 142nd Street.
- Linda and Jim Culp, Fiesta Road.
- Carol Barnaby and Jerry Ricciardi, Sea Captain Road.
- Maxine Johnson, 141st Street.
- Lisa and Marty Rill, North Surf Road.
- Ellie and Hank Davis, 139th Street
- Kate Bern, Sand Dune Road.
- Nancy Saadi and Cindi Saadi, Twin Tree Road.

Service Directory



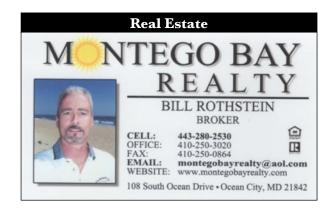








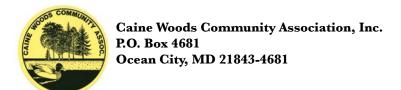




Want to advertise?

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



Caine Woods Community Association Executive Committee

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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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