



Caine Woods Community Association

NEWSLETTER

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Message from CWCA President Brian Shane

Here's wishing a belated Happy New Year to our members and families. After a remarkably challenging 2020, we're excited for what 2021 might bring our residents and homeowners.

I can share with you an update on our efforts to improve traffic safety along 142nd Street: The city plans to re-stripe the intersection at Tunnel Avenue and 142nd Street, so it's at more of a right angle. Rumble strips have been installed on both ends of the 142nd Street curve.

City Engineer Terry McGean has put this project, including physical changes to 142nd/Tunnel and bump-outs, into the city's FY 2022 Capital Improvement Plan. This will include costs for speed and volume studies for 130th, 136th, 139th and 142nd Streets in his FY22 operating budget. The city's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30.

The last few months have represented a mini-boom in construction, not only in Caine Woods but throughout Ocean City. I'm told City Hall has been overwhelmed with building and renovation permits.

City Zoning Administrator Kay Gordy tells me permit applications in Caine

Woods for construction of single-family dwellings are on the rise: two building permits were issued in 2019, nine in 2020, and three already have been issued in the first six weeks of 2021.

In fact, one particular build that stands out is a jaw-dropping project by Caine Woods resident Tim Jones, proprietor of landscape company Resort Palms. His family is building a show-stopper of a home on the corner of 142nd Street and Sinepuxent Avenue.

Clad in a delightful shade of teal and sure to be landscaped in gorgeous fashion by Tim himself, the show-stopping Jones residence will make a statement as the first home drivers see when entering the neighborhood from Coastal Highway onto 142nd Street. My sincere congratulations go out to the Joneses on their new home-stead, and to everyone who's building or renovating a home in our neighborhood this year.

We continue to keep tabs on two major projects in our neighborhood: the 59-unit townhouse project called Sanibel Seas located adjacent to the uptown bus depot and movie theater at 144th-145th Street,

and a 44-unit condo project on the former Phillips Seafood property at 141st Street and Coastal Highway.

Both projects currently are under review by city planning and zoning officials. Some members of the CWCA Board of Directors have expressed serious concerns about the implications of adding dozens of residential units to our part of town, including a looming disaster for street parking. At this point, we're just grateful that our elected officials and appointed board members are listening to our feedback. We will keep you posted with e-mail blasts as to the status of these landscape-changing projects.

Of course, the big story continues to be how the COVID-19 pandemic has shaped the course of all our lives, not only over the last 12 months but for the foreseeable future. Personally, I am very encouraged to see distribution of vaccines beginning in earnest, and how schools are bringing more kids back into classrooms.

In the meantime, while we can expect more masks and distancing, my fingers are crossed for a safe, happy and productive summer here at the beach for all.

Three organizations chosen for CWCA fund-raising efforts

Every year, the Caine Woods Community Association raises funds through its annual crab feast and through raffles held at our picnics throughout the year.

At the Feb. 24 board meeting, three local organizations made presentations to the CWCA officers and board members. After the presentations, the board decided to donate this year's proceeds to all three: the Eastern Shore Type 1 Diabetes Support Foundation, Surfers Healing, and Worcester County GOLD.

We look forward to working with these groups and hope to have a successful fundraising effort this year!

City offers free bulk pickup March 27, one day only

This year, the Town of Ocean City will offer free bulk trash pickup on Saturday, March 27. In the past, the service was offered over both weekend days but has been reduced to one day only. Residents can place household items such as furniture, appliances, carpet, etc., curbside for free Saturday pickup. City

staff will collect items from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., so please make sure your items are curbside on Friday or by 2 p.m. Saturday at the very latest.

For details, go to www.oceancitymd.gov or call 410-524-0318.

Crab feast tickets available soon

Again this year, we will modify how we hold our crab feast fund-raiser that benefits local charities. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, you can now choose when you'd like to enjoy an all-you-can-eat crab feast, which includes draft beer, in September or October at either Higgins Crab House location.

Once you purchase your \$40 ticket in advance, you must make a reservation for any day in September or October (except Saturdays after 4 p.m.)

Tickets will be available soon from any CWCA board member. Contact information is listed on the last page of this newsletter.

We hope members and their friends will continue to support our charitable work, and we thank Bob Higgins and his staff for working with us on these alternate plans.



Picnic tentatively set for June 26 at Fiesta Park

The annual Caine Woods summer kick-off picnic is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 26, at Fiesta Park from noon to 3 p.m. The rain date is June 27. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the picnic format will probably have to be modified, and a decision will be made as we get closer to the date. Please watch your inbox for email updates.

For more information, call or email Brian Shane at 410-726-3016, bwshane@yahoo.com.

Stay informed the easy way — online!

We do our best to inform our members about important topics, upcoming events, etc., so PLEASE check your email and spam folders often so you can stay in the loop. Also check out our Facebook.com page at www.facebook.com/cainewoodsOC, and sign up on NextDoor.com. It's easy, and it's free!

You can also sign up to receive alerts and news from the Town of Ocean City, including upcoming city meetings, public hearings, events, job openings, volunteer opportunities and more.

Just go to www.oceancitymd.gov/oc/city-hall/enews/ and select the topics you'd like to know about.

Automatic payment option for water and sewer bills

The Town of Ocean City offers an automatic payment option for water and sewer bills. There is no fee for this service and you'll still receive a quarterly statement showing the amount to be deducted from your checking account.

To enroll in this pre-authorized transfer service, call 410-289-8833 or go to www.oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/public-works/water/.

Trash now collected Tuesdays only

The Town of Ocean City is still in its winter schedule for waste wheelers. Trash is now collected on Tuesdays only. Twice-weekly collection will resume the week of May 9.

CWCA yard sales set for July 10



Start cleaning out your attics and closets! Our annual community-wide yard sale will be held Saturday, July 10, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, July 11. 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.

Watch out for COVID-19 vaccine scams

As COVID-19 vaccine distribution continues, there's no doubt scammers are busy.

You will not have to pay for the vaccine, so if you are asked to pay for access, you can bet it's a scam. You may be asked for your health insurance or Medicare information, but there is no charge for Marylanders. Here's what else to know:

- You can't pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine.
- You can't pay to get early access to a vaccine.
- Don't share your personal or financial information if someone calls, texts, or emails you promising access to the vaccine for a fee.

If you come across a COVID-19 vaccine scam, report it to the Federal Trade Commission or call 1-800-MEDICARE. And check out CDC.gov for trustworthy information on the COVID-19 vaccine.



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.

Heiser named Officer of the Year

Ocean City Police Department Cpl. Jeff Heiser has been named the Neighborhood Watch Officer of the Year for 2020.

"The most rewarding part of my job is having the opportunity to make a difference every day," Heiser said. "I have a front row seat to the greatest job in the world and would not trade it for anything."

Heiser began his police career as a seasonal officer in 1998 after graduating from the University of Baltimore. After two years with the Salisbury Police Department, he returned to the OCPD in May 2001. He is currently a supervisor for the day shift patrol, a general instructor, defensive tactics instructor, taser instructor, saber instructor, active killer instructor and peer counselor.

Heiser has worked in every division of the OCPD as both an officer and a supervisor, including the Patrol Division Training Division, Services Division and Criminal Investigative Division, where he was a narcotics detective.



Jeff Heiser with his wife, Kris

Overgrown grass? Graffiti? Other?

Just a reminder that if you see a streetlight that is burned out, grass that is overgrown, graffiti — anything in our neighborhood that is a concern to you — please call or email any of the members of the CWCA board of directors. They can help!

If you see a marine mammal on the beach, here's what to do

It's that time of the year again. Seals love to enjoy our beach as much as we do and they will beach themselves to rest or to get warm. Please stay at least 150 feet away from a beached seal.

If it seems to be in distress or you are unsure, call the National Aquarium's Stranding Hotline at 410-576-3880, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources at 800-628-9944 or the Ocean City Police Department's Animal Control Unit at 410-723-6610. You can also call these numbers if you spot a beached sea turtle, whale or other marine mammal.



Local government contact information

If you have a question or concern and would like to share it with the Ocean City Mayor, City Council members or city staff, call the main City Hall phone number at 410-289-8221.

To email the Mayor and City Council, either individually or as a group, go to www.oceancitymd.gov/oc/city-hall/mayor-and-city-council/. You can also view city meetings at that website.

To contact the Worcester County government offices, call 410-632-1194 or go to www.co.worcester.md.us/.

2021 CWCA events

The location of each monthly board meeting will be determined on a case-by-case basis. All events are subject to change. Members will be notified via email of updates. For details, contact any board member or email cwca@cainewoodsoc.org.

- **March 24:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., location to be determined.
- **March 27:** City-wide bulk trash pickup is one day only.
- **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:** Tentative: Picnic, noon-3 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date June 27.
- **July 1** (approximate): Newsletter mailing.
- **July 10:** Caine Woods yard sales, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Rain date July 11.
- **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:** Tentative: Picnic, membership meeting, election of officers, 4-6 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date Aug. 29.
- **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.



Important phone numbers

EMERGENCY: Police, Fire, Ambulance.....911

NON-EMERGENCY

Maryland Natural Resources Police410.548.7070

Maryland State Police410-641-3101

Poison Control Center.....800.222.1222

U.S. Coast Guard410.289.7559

OTHERS

Art League of Ocean City.....410-524-9433

Atlantic General Hospital410.641.1100

Atlantic ImmediCare.....410-289-0065

Tidal Health/Peninsula Regional Hospital410-546-6400

Cape May-Lewes Ferry800-643-3779

DART Bus800-652-3278

OC Chamber of Commerce410.213.0552

OC Development Corporation410-289-7739

OC Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association410.289.6733

Public Library410.524.1818

Comcast.....888-266-2278

Delmarva Power Customer Service800-375-7117

Worcester County Humane Society410.213.0146

Life Crisis Center Hotline.....211 or 800-273-8255

U.S. Post Office, 71st Street.....410-524-7611

CITY OFFICES

Animal Control.....410.723.6649

Billing & Tax Information.....410.289.8833

City Hall General Information410.289.8221

City Manager410.289.8887

Convention Center & Visitor Center410.289.2800

Eagle's Landing Golf Course.....800-283-3846

Engineering Department410.289.8845

Fire Department (non-emergency).....410.289.4346

Lost & Found410-723-6611

Mayor410.289.8931

Municipal Airport.....410.213.2471

OC Life-Saving Station Museum.....410.289.4991

Police (non-emergency).....410.723.6610

Public Works410.524.7715

Public Works Maintenance410.524.0391

Recreation & Parks.....410.250.0125

Solid Waste410.524.0318

Transportation Department.....410.723.2174

Wastewater Department410.524.6760

Water Department/Billing410.289.8833

Water Department.....410.524.8388

from www.oceancitymd.gov

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 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 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.

Keep an eye on overhanging trees, shrubs

The Town of Ocean City periodically inspects trees and shrubbery throughout town to ensure that landscaping does not impede the public right-of-way for passage. City guidelines call for trees that overhang public sidewalks to have a 7-foot clearance, while those overhanging public streets must have a 14-foot clearance.

Those in violation are subject to fines and other penalties as described in the city code. For more information, call the OC Recreation and Parks Department at 410-250-0125.



Keeping your vehicles and valuables safe

The OC Police Department offers these tips to keep your car and its contents safe

- ◆ Lock all your vehicle's doors.
- ◆ Make sure all the windows are closed.
- ◆ Don't leave valuables in your vehicle.
- ◆ Secure items of opportunity (e.g. loose change).
- ◆ Park in busy, well-lit areas if possible.
- ◆ Don't leave your keys in the ignition or anywhere in the vehicle.
- ◆ Know your tag number, car make, model, etc.

If your vehicle is stolen or property is taken from the vehicle, here is what you should do

- ◆ Call the Ocean City Police Department immediately.
- ◆ Provide a complete description of the items that were stolen.
- ◆ Provide your license plate number, make, model, year, color and insurance company.
- ◆ Non-emergency: 410-723-6610
- ◆ Emergency: 911

Helpful local websites

- Town of Ocean City Municipal Website:.....www.oceancitymd.gov
- Ocean City Police Department:.....www.oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/police/
- Ocean City Recreation & Parks Departmentwww.oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/recreation-parks/
- Town of Ocean City Tourism.....www.ococean.com
- Ocean City Boardwalk Webcamwww.ococean.com/webcam
- Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company.....www.ocvfc.com
- Ocean City Chamber of Commerce.....www.oceancity.org
- Ocean City Chamber of Commerce Webcamswww.oceancity.org/media-center/webcams
- Worcester County Government.....www.co.worcester.md.us
- Worcester County Library.....www.worcesterlibrary.org
- Worcester County Public Schools.....www.worcesterk12.com
- State of Marylandwww.maryland.gov
- State of Maryland Traffic Cameras.....<https://chart.maryland.gov/trafficcameras/index.php>
- State of Maryland Sex Offender Registry.....www.dpscs.state.md.us/onlineservs/socem/default.shtml
- Ocean City Area Museums.....www.ococean.com/things-to-do/explore/museums/
- Ocean City Performing Arts Center.....www.ocmdperformingartscenter.com
- Art League of Ocean Citywww.artleagueofoceancity.org
- Atlantic General Hospital.....www.atlanticgeneral.org
- Tidal Health/Peninsula Regional Medical Centerwww.tidalhealth.org
- Maryland Coast Dispatch.....www.mdcoastdispatch.com
- Ocean City Today.....www.oceancitytoday.net

CWCA Membership Application/Renewal

Mr. Ms. M/M _____
(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 Addresses: (1) _____ (2) _____

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

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. 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 events.

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.

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 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.

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 Helen Kelly and family for her brother, Raymond Ford.

Get well wishes go out to Ruth Gawryluk on her recent shoulder surgery.

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.

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:

- Laura and Wayne Birely, Laurel Avenue.
- Diane and David Majchrzak, Fiesta Road.
- Jill and Tom DePont, 140th Street.
- Leslie and Todd Misura, 143rd Street.
- Karen and Sanford Friedman, North Ocean Road.
- Fabrizio Lelii, Fountain Road.
- Janice and John Corpora, Tunnel Avenue.

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