



Caine Woods Community Association NEWSLETTER

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Message from CWCA President Brian Shane

A year ago, the coronavirus pandemic had taken over our lives and forced the cancellation of so many events, including our community picnic in June 2020.

What a tremendous relief, then, to welcome everyone back to Fiesta Park for our June 2021 picnic. The world is slowly reverting to some shade of normalcy. No more masks, no more social distancing, and thankfully far fewer people today are being affected by COVID-19.

Our neighborhood is starting to feel reinvigorated, as summer residents and visitors fill our streets with dog walkers, bike riders, and families walking up to the beach. It's lovely to feel like we're getting back to life as we knew it, and I am sure all of us living here or owning at the beach would agree.

One of the positive outcomes for our association was a change to our crab feast. The virus forced us to cancel our

in-person event last year and instead offer tickets that were more like gift cards that you could use anytime.

That formula worked out so well that we're bringing it back for this fall. You can still get a crab feast ticket — one that will benefit three very important local charities — and you can use it just about anytime in September or October. Perhaps as we get into 2022, we'll talk about bringing back the larger gathering that we'd all enjoyed for years as a community.

As you know, our crab feast ticket sales benefit a charity of our choosing, and this year, we decided to work with three different organizations: Worcester County G.O.L.D., the Eastern Shore Type 1 Diabetes Support Foundation (formerly Friends of Possibilities), and Surfer's Healing. All are wonderful and worthy charities that I would encourage you to learn more about.

The housing market continues to be the talk of the town, as homes are being built at a breakneck pace, despite the insanely inflated cost of building materials. It seems like every vacant lot now has a house on it. Our homes values are riding a bubble and the experts say these increased appraisals may be with us through the year.

To me, that sounds like a bit of good news for us homeowners to soak in and enjoy.

At our upcoming August picnic, we will elect officers for the coming year. If you are interested in serving as a Caine Woods Community Association officer or board member, please call or e-mail Julie Valcourt at 301-908-7789 or jvalcourt@gmail.com.

It is my hope that you and your family have a safe and happy summer, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming community events.

CWCA yard sales 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.



End-of-summer picnic, election of board and officers Aug. 28

Join the fun Saturday, Aug. 28, at Fiesta Park for our end-of-summer picnic from 4 to 6 p.m. We'll have an array of food, plus

plenty of beverages and music. The rain date is Aug. 29. The CWCA general membership meeting and election of officers will take place at the picnic.

Nominations from the floor may be made at the meeting, provided that prior consent of the nominee has been received by the corresponding secretary 10 days in advance. **If you're interested in serving on the board, please contact any board member to be included in the election.**

We always welcome volunteers to help out at the event and to clean up the park after the festivities are over. If you would like to volunteer, contact Brian Shane at 410-726-3016 or email bwshane@yahoo.com.

We ask that you do not carry food out from the picnic area. If a house-bound member requests food, please inform the registration table crew ahead of time.

Crab feast tickets now available

Again this year, we will modify how we hold our crab feast fund-raiser that benefits local charities. 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. Saturdays after 4 p.m. are excluded.

Tickets are available 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 over the years.

Yoga in the park



Vance Row leads yoga sessions Sundays from 8 to 9 a.m. at North Surf Park. The class is free; donations are appreciated. Please bring a mat and/or towel.



(left to right) Scholarship fund organizers Jeff Heiser and Ryan Whittington; CWCA board members Julie Valcourt and Vance Row.

Donation to OCPD

Members of the CWCA Board presented a check for \$3,000 to representatives of the Josh/Tommy Scholarship Fund in March. The fund was selected to receive proceeds from CWCA fund-raising events in 2020.

This scholarship fund was founded in memory of Josh Adickes and Tom Geoghegan, two Ocean City Police Department officers who died tragically in 2013.

Scholarships are awarded yearly to OCPD employees currently attending college.

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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Email Addresses: (1) _____ (2) _____

Please print clearly. 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.

Fiesta Park clean-up

CWCA members gathered March 27 to tidy up Fiesta Park. We also provided snacks for Ocean City Public Works Department employees in gratitude for all their hard work over bulk pick-up weekend.



2021 CWCA events

The location of monthly board meetings 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.

- **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.



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The Stones own the Caine Woods stone house

By Mary Ann LeMay, CWCA Historian



We've probably all wondered at one time or another about what some locals call "the stone house" on the corner of 142nd Street and Lighthouse Road. Located on two lots, the property also includes five sheds and a cottage.

Owners Bridgette and Matt Stone purchased the property in late 2016 from the estate of Tim Hofman. It had sat empty for three-plus years after Tim's death, during which time thieves stole furniture and artwork.

At one time, the small sheds were used as rental units for seasonal workers, and Tim's mother-in-law lived in one for a time.

The original ranch house was built in 1957; the name of the original owner is

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unknown. Harper and Anna Jones owned the property prior to Tim.

An artist, concert pianist and musician, Tim purchased the house in 1995 and added the two-story section in the late 1990s.

Bridgette says that a few pieces of art were returned by the unknown thieves — perhaps they were being haunted.

Bridgette and Matt refer to the original part of the house as the '57 House and the other part as the Big House. When they purchased the house, there were walls everywhere, dividing the structure into many small rooms. They got to work.

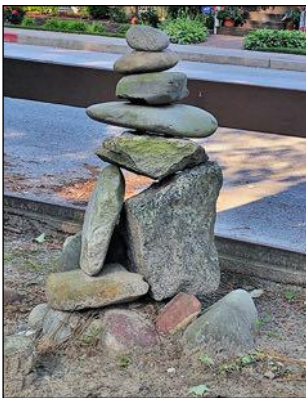
Once the Stones began renovations, 13 large dumpsters of debris were hauled away, including five water-logged pianos, the result of a partial cave-in of the roof. Pine needles up to 15 inches deep covered the roof and grounds. Bridgette found a patio with pavers and stones in the shapes of flowers, stars, hearts and paw prints.

The Stones were living in Washington, D.C., when they purchased the property and then spent every spare weekend renovating the separate cottage, eventually moving in there full-time in 2018 while they went to work on the main house. They retained the original knotty

pine paneling in the '57 House, jack-hammered the damaged tiled cement floor in the Big House, installed electric heat in the new cement floors, moved walls, expanded the kitchen and more.

It has been a LOT of work, but the Stones wanted to restore the buildings rather than tear them down.

Matt owns Stone Construction Company and did historic renovations in D.C.; he now renovates homes here in Ocean City. Bridgette worked for the Department of Homeland Security after flying helicopters in the Navy. She now works from their OC home for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.



***Our thanks to
Bridgette and Matt
Stone for sharing
their home and their
story with members
of the Caine Woods
Community
Association.***



Welcome back!

About 250 members and friends attended our June 24 picnic in Fiesta Park



OCPD offers bike registration program

The Ocean City Police Department offers a free bicycle registration program for all residents of Ocean City as a deterrent to crime and to promote safety.

When officers find abandoned bikes, they take them to the Public Safety Building for safe-keeping. If the bike is registered, officers will quickly return the bike to its registered owner.

To register and receive a decal, visit www.oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/police/programs or call 410-723-6610.

Beach wheelchairs available

The Town of Ocean City offers beach wheelchairs to those in need of assistance traveling across the sand. Chairs are located in numerous locked boxes along the beach including at 139th

and 145th streets. For access, see a lifeguard or call 410-520-5231 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Chairs may also be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis from the Ocean City Visitors Center on 40th Street (410-289-2800) and the Public Safety Building on 65th Street (410-723-6610).

Remember, the chairs are bulky and you'll need a vehicle large enough to transport them. Also, you are responsible for safely storing the chairs once in your possession.

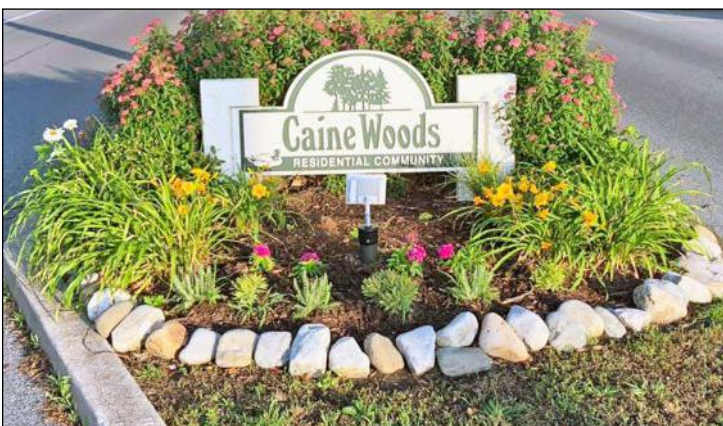
Dues are due each September

CWCA dues are payable each September and are \$20. Please use the form in this newsletter to renew your membership and print your email address. If your email address changes, please email us at cwca@cainewoodsoc.org.

The Caine Woods Community Association often sends emails to our members to let them know of upcoming events and other important information. We occasionally have technical problems that result in members not receiving these emails. Our most recent e-blast was sent June 21 to remind members about the June picnic. If you did NOT receive this email or need to update your contact information, please let us know at cwca@cainewoodsoc.org.

Donation, other assistance help beautify Caine Woods

The CWCA Beautification Committee has been busy recently. We received a generous donation from the Fox family and assistance from East View Farms. Check out the new blooms on your next trip through the neighborhood.



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 and alert you if there is a concern in the neighborhood, and we 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 an invitation to join our association, 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.

Congratulations to Monica and Lloyd Martin on the birth of their granddaughter! Best wishes to the whole family.

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:

- Mark Angelucci, North Ocean Road.
- James Baldwin, Seaweed Lane.
- Joe and Michelle Clark, Tunnel Avenue.
- Jake Einstein, 140th Street.
- Helene and Matt Fox, 141st Street.
- Mark Jahnke, Fountain Road.
- Denise Keyser, North Ocean Road.
- Robert Milko, Sand Dune Road.
- Darla Nightingale, 142nd Street.
- Karen Oass, 136th Street.
- Kristi and Brian O'Mahony, Laurel Avenue.
- Bonnie Rackl, Seaweed Lane.
- Peter Thompson, Jarvis Avenue.

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