



# Caine Woods Community Association

# NEWSLETTER

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## *Message from CWCA President Brian Shane*

When the calendar turns to March and springtime is just around the corner, it offers a dose of hope and optimism for those of us long-weary of the bleak cold of January and February.

For me, the trill of birdsong and a break from icy temperatures are just enough medicine to shake off my winter blues.

So it would seem that we're about to turn a corner, too, with this pandemic that has kept many of us feeling just as weary – for many winters, now.

Here we are, two years into living with COVID-19. It's heartening to know that anybody who wants one may now get a vaccination and a booster shot; experts say that's helped combat the spread of the contagion. They're also saying that this virus — which has taken over our lives, taken over the world, and taken so many of our loved ones — may soon be

relegated to a medical issue not much worse than a seasonal flu.

So my fingers are crossed that these developments might herald a summer season here where we can finally lose the social distancing and the masks. Saying goodbye to those onerous pandemic restrictions? If you ask me, that would prove to be the real booster shot — for our local economy, and our spirits.

On a lighter note, we can share that the results of a formal traffic study of our 142nd Street corridor are in. It has confirmed what our neighbors have been seeing for a while now: that the volume of traffic there is excessive and the number of car accidents is a concern.

This leaves City Hall with a handful of corrective options to pursue, including the possibility of adding roundabouts at the intersections leading into and out of 142nd Street. There's no magic bullet to

solve the problem of too many cars along this stretch of our neighborhood, but I give City Hall a lot of credit for tackling this issue head-on when we, the community, asked for help.

Incidentally, if you haven't heard, the man who spearheaded this traffic study, our friend Terry McGean, was just promoted from his decades-long role as City Engineer to City Manager. Terry's experience and can-do attitude made him the perfect candidate, which is why the City Council quickly offered him the job without having to conduct a nationwide search. I wish Terry enormous success in the role for years to come.

At the same time, we wish the best of luck to outgoing City Manager Doug Miller, who has been our neighbor here in Caine Woods since 2016.

Wishing you and your family much health and happiness this spring!

## **Fiesta Park clean-up March 26; bulk trash pickup hours modified**

In conjunction with the Town of Ocean City's annual bulk pickup project March 26, the Caine Woods Community Association will hold its traditional spring clean-up of Fiesta Park Saturday, March 26, beginning at 10 a.m.

CWCA members and friends 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.

The CWCA is planning on serving refreshments to all who help; details are still being worked out and will be announced.

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

The Town of Ocean City's free bulk trash pickup is also March 26. Residents can place household items such as furniture, ap-

pliances, carpet, etc., curbside for free Saturday pickup. City staff will collect items from 7 a.m. to noon only, so please make sure your items are curbside on Friday or by 9 a.m. Saturday at the very latest.

For details, go to [www.oceancitymd.gov](http://www.oceancitymd.gov) or call 410-524-0318.

## **CWCA board votes to increase dues**

At its January meeting, your CWCA board of directors voted to increase the yearly membership dues to \$25. This \$5 increase is the only one since the association was formed in 1981, and the board believes it is reasonable in view of the increased costs it is facing for food and supplies used at our events, and for other administrative costs. It is still a bargain!

The increase goes into effect Oct. 1, 2022. If you'd like to pay for multiple years ahead of time at the current rate of \$20 per year, you have until Sept. 30, 2022. Contact our treasurer, Vance Row, at 410-726-2469; [v.row@comcast.net](mailto:v.row@comcast.net) for information.



*The Reflections of Life tree sculpture in the Ocean City Convention Center*

## OC Beautification Committee offers Reflections of Life discount

The Ocean City Beautification Committee is offering a discount price for the committee's Reflections of Life project. The project provides a distinctive means of recording important events and interests in the lives of individuals, their loved ones and businesses by placing a gift of a bronze, silver or gold leaf or stepping stone on the Reflections of Life tree sculpture inside the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on 41st Street.

The special runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day and features leaves at 50 percent off the normal price. You can order gold leaves for \$250, instead of \$500; silver leaves for \$175 and bronze leaves for \$125.

Tax-deductible donation forms are available at the Convention Center and at Northside Park, 125th Street bayside. Forms can also be found on the town's website at [www.oceancitymd.gov/oc/city-hall/mayor-and-city-council/beautification-committee](http://www.oceancitymd.gov/oc/city-hall/mayor-and-city-council/beautification-committee). For more information, email Steve Genua at [4str46@gmail.com](mailto:4str46@gmail.com).

## 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.

## Keep your vehicle and valuables safe

The Ocean City Police Department has handled several vehicle break-ins recently and is actively investigating the incidents. Here are some tips on keeping your vehicle and valuables safe.

- Lock all of your vehicle's doors and close all windows, even if you're going to be gone for "just a second." It takes only seconds to steal items from your car.

- Don't leave valuables in your vehicle. If items are visible, a break-in is much more likely.
- Place items out of sight before reaching your destination so thieves don't see you hiding valuables under a seat or in the trunk.
- Park in busy, well-lit areas. Avoid isolated areas.
- Don't leave any sign that there might be valuables in your vehicle. For example, that suction cup on your dashboard might tell thieves that you have a GPS in your vehicle.
- Alarms or anti-theft devices work. Thieves usually look for the easiest target, so if your car has an alarm, it could act as a deterrent. But that doesn't mean thieves won't break in if you leave valuables in plain sight.
- Don't leave spare keys in your vehicle. Store spare keys in your wallet or purse.
- Don't leave your driver's license or title in the vehicle.
- Keep a record of the VIN, license plate number and insurance information in your wallet or purse.

If your vehicle is stolen or property is taken from the vehicle, call police immediately with a description of the items that were stolen, your license plate number, make and model of vehicle, year and color, plus VIN and insurance company.

If you see something suspicious or have concerns about possible criminal activity, call the OCPD tip line at 410-520-5136, email [crimetips@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:crimetips@oceancitymd.gov) or call 410-723-6610.

## City Council to seek feedback on 146th Street bike lanes, intersection

The Ocean City Council plans to send out a letter to local property owners seeking feedback on bike route improvements to 146th Street, as well as improvements to the five-way intersection at Harpoon Hanna's. The letter will include a link to fill out a survey and have information on a public hearing to be held in April. We will keep CWCA members informed as we receive more information from the Town of Ocean City.

## Arbor Day tree-planting April 29 in Fiesta Park; public is invited

Ocean City's Arbor Day celebration is set for Friday, April 29, in Fiesta Park. The event, sponsored by the Ocean City Beautification Committee, has traditionally been celebrated at the Ocean City Elementary School or Northside Park, with second-graders presenting a program of songs and skits followed the planting of a tree.

This year, students and city officials will join the Ocean City Beautification Committee at 10 a.m. to plant a blue spruce tree near the corner of 141st Street and Fiesta Road. The public is invited to attend the festivities.



# Spreading holiday spirit and cheer

*CWCA members and friends rode around the neighborhood Dec. 7, singing carols and greeting friends and families. Carolers then returned to the Elks Club for food and refreshments. Our thanks to the Town of Ocean City and the Elks Club for their support!*



# Caine Woods history: 2004-2005

CWCA officers this year were Joe Coleman, president; Mark Paddock, vice-president; Tonja Sas, treasurer and newsletter editor; Robert LeMay, secretary; Margaret Sas, corresponding secretary.

Directors were Henry Amermann, Jim Aschenbach, Frank Buscemi, Irene Hansen, Rich Hansen, Fran Kennedy, Mary Ann LeMay, Lloyd Martin, June McCann, Jack Nickels, Pauline Romanowski, Agnes Schaper and Jeanette Tressler.

Howard Caplan, CWCA liaison with the OC Police Department, was named Officer of the Year. He reported spray paint vandalism on vehicles in Caine Woods.

A request was received for financial support of the AARP Health Fair at the Ocean City Convention Center in April. A donation of \$100 was approved.

The Christmas carolers liked the open trolley that took 44 people around the

neighborhood in December. Regarding other neighborhood events, a survey showed that two picnics were preferred in the summer rather than only one.

Jeanette Tressler noted that dirty water coming into the bay enters from the streets and the channel that ends at Tunnel Avenue. The Maryland Coastal Bays Foundation plans to seek a grant of \$5,000 to study the problem and needs local support.

OC Public Works Director Hal Adkins and Transportation Director George Thorn made a presentation on a north end bus transfer station at Coastal Highway and 144th Street.

Adkins also noted a submerged filter/storage box at the end of the channel at Tunnel Avenue between 141st and 142nd streets will help keep debris from the bay.

Agnes Schaper reported she planted 200 bulbs at Fisherman's Village.

Association meetings in March, April and May were held at St. Matthew's by the Sea Church. Glenn Steckman looked into holding meetings at the Tiburon Condominium meeting room.

Tonja Sas circulated a petition on behalf of Post Net, where the CWCA has its post office box, to continue as a USPS outlet.

Fran Kennedy bought flowers and looked for assistance in planting in May.

Jack Taylor and the picnic crew were ready for June 4. Residents were asked to donate canned goods for Diakonia.

As of Aug. 24, the association had 399 members. The general membership meeting and picnic was moved to Labor Day weekend rather than the second weekend in September.

— *Mary Ann LeMay, CWCA Historian*

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to your address book/contact list.**

## 2022 CWCA events

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

***For details, contact any board member or email [cwca@cainewoodsoc.org](mailto:cwca@cainewoodsoc.org).***

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

- **March 23:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **March 26:** Fiesta Park spring clean-up, 10 a.m.
- **April 27:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **May 25:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **June 22:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **June 25:** Picnic, noon-3 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date June 26.

- **July 1** (approximate): Newsletter mailing.
- **July 9:** Caine Woods yard sales, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Rain date July 10.
- **July 27:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Aug. 24:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.



- **Aug. 27:** Picnic, membership meeting, election of officers, 4-6 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date Aug. 28.
- **Sept. 28:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Oct. 26:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Nov. 1** (approximate): Newsletter mailing.
- **Dec. 6:** Caroling & holiday party, details to be determined.

# 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. Because circumstances may change due to the pandemic, we suggest calling or emailing CWCA President Brian Shane at 410-726-3016 or [cwca@cainewoodsoc.org](mailto:cwca@cainewoodsoc.org) for up-to-date information about our meetings and events.

## Membership Committee

When renewing your membership, please include your email address(es). We can send notices to up to two emails per household. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [jvalcourt@gmail.com](mailto:jvalcourt@gmail.com).

The cost of a membership is \$20 per year. That entitles members to admission to our picnics, with food and beverages provided. Dues will be raised to \$25 effective Oct. 1, 2022.

Also, there is Christmas caroling and holiday party, 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 times and bad — 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, contact Irene at 410-250-1154 or [iah317@aol.com](mailto: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, text or email Vance Row, 410-726-2469; [v.row@comcast.net](mailto:v.row@comcast.net).

## CWCA Membership Application/Renewal

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(Circle One) (First Name) (Spouse's First Name) (Last Name)

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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 (until Sept. 30; \$25 after) and mail to: CWCA, P.O. Box 4681, Ocean City, MD 21843-4681.

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***For more information, call, text or email Vance Row at 410-726-2469 or v.row@comcast.net.***

## ***Welcome to the CWCA!***

***The CWCA is always looking for new members. If your neighbors are not members, encourage them to go to our website, [www.cainewoodsoc.org](http://www.cainewoodsoc.org), to view the newsletter and calendar of events.***

***We welcome our newest members:***

- Ashton and Thurman Donoway, 142nd Street.
- Patricia and William Cooper, 143rd Street.
- Adolfina and Mario Scappa, Sailing Road.
- Lisa and Mark Zimmerman, South Surf Road.
- Tor and Jon Andersen, Sailing Road.
- Rosemary Arms, 142nd Street.
- Nancy and Richard Keyes, Laurel Avenue.
- Stephanie and Mark Norwicz, South Surf Road.
- Colleen and Phil Lex, 136th Street.
- Nancy Warner, Tunnel Avenue.
- Rebecca Kendall, Tunnel Avenue.
- Marge and Joe Maloney, Kelly Road.
- Mindy and Curt James, Twin Tree Road.
- Stephanie and David Klonicke, Beth and Greg Powell, Sea Captain Road.
- Peg Williams, 142nd Street.
- Amy and Alex Pagnotta, South Surf Road.
- Darlene and Richard Cuomo, Kelly Road.
- Rajani and Shaun Abbott, Jarvis Avenue.
- Donna and Patrick Owensby, 143rd Street.



***Thank You!***

***Our sincere thanks to Matt and Helene Fox for their generous donation of \$500 to our beautification efforts around Caine Woods!***



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