



# Caine Woods Community Association

# NEWSLETTER

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## *Message from CWCA President Brian Shane*

As the 2022 season hits its stride, I want to reflect on how we Ocean City homeowners and residents have so much for which to be thankful. But how many of us give a second thought to the work that goes into keeping Ocean City beautiful, safe and enjoyable?

Consider how our beach and boardwalk are kept spotless and safeguarded each summer, how our roads are in good shape, and how our parks and recreational areas are kept in perfect condition. Think how, when you need a police officer or a firefighter, they'll be there in mere minutes — and how up the road in Delaware, that isn't always the case.

For all this, we should thank those who run our various municipal departments. Their knowledge, diligence, and problem-solving are what keep our resort town humming. Many have been here for years and are experts in their field.

This year, your property tax will drop ever so slightly. If you're glad to hear it, thank OC Budget Manager Jennie Knapp.

She leads a months-long effort every year to create a budget that covers the cost of running our town. This year the budget is about \$90 million, roughly half of it coming from property tax.

Do you know how hard our police department works? They have to recruit seasonal officers — a tough task as fewer young people wish to pursue a law enforcement career — while keeping their full-time roster of officers staffed. They have to figure out how to use and store footage from body cameras, a new program rolling out this year. And in recent years, OCPD officers have had to fight like soldiers in the fall when troublemakers in tricked-out cars invade our town, wanting nothing more than to raise hell and post videos to social media.

If you're happy with how policing in Ocean City has been going in the last decade, thank Chief Ross Buzzuro. Thank the career officers, too, who have risen from patrol ranks, serving now as administrative captains and sergeants.

Do you like having clean running water? Are you happy that our buses are operating smoothly, even with COVID restrictions and a struggle to recruit drivers? Do you notice how clean the beach and boardwalk are each day when the sun comes up?

All of these responsibilities fall to our outstanding Public Works Department, headed by veteran boss Hal Adkins. His staffers handle maintenance, construction, transportation, water and sewer service, and even running an airport. Behind the scenes, Public Works staffers work nonstop, 24 hours a day, and residents and tourists reap the benefits.

So, the next time you're out enjoying your day without a care in the world, consider the painstaking efforts of our incredible city staff and department heads. I've mentioned only a few here, but there are so many more who work tirelessly for our benefit. We're lucky to have them and I'm grateful for their efforts.

## **CWCA yard sales set for July 9**

Start cleaning out your attics and closets! Our annual community-wide yard sale will be held Saturday, July 9, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, July 10.

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.

## **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.

## **End-of-summer picnic, election of board and officers Aug. 27**

Join the fun Saturday, Aug. 27, 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 CWCA general membership

meeting and election of officers will take place at the picnic. The rain date is Aug. 28.

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 and helping the neighborhood, 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 CWCA president Brian Shane at 410-726-3016 or [bwshane@yahoo.com](mailto:bwshane@yahoo.com).

If a house-bound member requests food, please inform the registration table crew ahead of time.

## Crab feast on hold for now

With the ever-increasing price of crabs, the CWCA board of directors has determined that we will not be able to host our traditional crab feast this fall. The price per ticket would simply be prohibitive.

The board is working on alternatives for a fundraiser for our charities. If you have any thoughts or ideas, please contact any board member. We are open to suggestions. As soon as plans are determined, we will notify members, so please monitor your email and our Facebook page for updates.

## Keeping your car and its contents 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 plain sight 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 and VIN number, car make, model, insurance company, etc.

If your vehicle is stolen or property is taken from the vehicle, here is what to 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.

## 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



**Howard Caplan, long-time CWCA board member and head chef at our picnics, retired May 31 from the Ocean City Police Department after 25 years of service. Board member Tonja Sas and the rest of the board presented Howard with a card and wallet for his retirement badge at its May 25 meeting. Congratulations, Howard! Enjoy your retirement!**

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 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.

## 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.

## 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/](http://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/](http://www.co.worcester.md.us/).

# 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

Mr. Ms. M/M \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle One) (First Name) (Spouse's First Name) (Last Name)

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Caine Woods Address: \_\_\_\_\_, Ocean City, MD 21842  
(If Different)

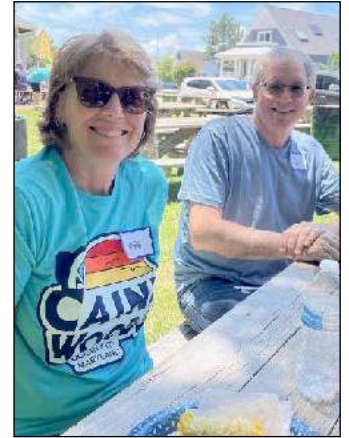
Telephone: Caine Woods: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

# *Summer kickoff picnic*

Close to 200 members and friends turned out at Fiesta Park June 25





*Thanks to all who helped out!*

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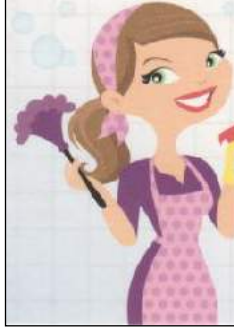
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## *Welcome to the CWCA!*

*The CWCA is always looking for new members. If your neighbors are not members, please 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:*

- Michael Chang, Sailing Road.
- Peter Waddell, Sailing Road.
- Kristy and Ryan Haley, Caine Stable Road.
- Lindsey and Corey McLaughlin, Twin Tree Road.
- Christy Romansky, Fiesta Road.
- Shannon Murphy, 142nd Street.
- Kristen and Skip Lee, Fountain Road.
- Mehrnoosh Neyzari, Hurricane Road.
- Jennifer and Harry Fierstein, 141st Street.
- Lisa and Patric Liberty, Barge Road.
- Joyce Simmons, Jarvis Avenue.
- Susan and Brian Roche, 141st Street.
- Ashleigh and Michael Malloy, South Bay Drive.
- Ralph Brumbley, Jarvis Avenue.
- Linda Smith, Jarvis Avenue.
- Sviatlana and Zviad Phagava, North Ocean Road.
- Andrea and William Davis, 141st Street.
- Kristin and Patrick Kissel, 143rd Street.
- James Murray, 141st Street.
- Diane and Tom Antonielci, Jarvis Avenue.
- Pamela Russell, McCabe Road.
- Cindy and Eric Hughes, 141st Street.

## 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.*

- **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.



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