



Caine Woods Community Association

NEWSLETTER

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Message from CWCA President Brian Shane

When people think of Ocean City, Maryland, their first thought is usually our most popular attractions: the beach and boardwalk. But in my opinion, there's another massively popular event in Ocean City that comes really close in popularity. It's been going strong here in Ocean City for decades. Here's a hint: it's the one day of the year when everyone's Irish.

I'm talking, of course, about Ocean City's annual St. Patrick's Parade, one of my most favorite events. It's special for me, not just as an OC resident, but as someone proud to celebrate my Irish-American heritage. My great-great-grandmother's family emigrated from

Belfast in the 1880s, and my family tree is now littered with the likes of McWades, O'Connors, Quinns, and Fitzgeralds.

St. Patrick's parade weekend always feels to me like the unofficial end of our chilly off-season slumber, and a welcome step forward into springtime. Now, we certainly don't always get spring-like weather — a few years back, the parade-day temperatures dipped into the low 30s, for example — but it doesn't stop people from packing the town and throwing one doozy of a party.

Speaking of the luck of the Irish, we're so lucky here in 2023 to have our parade back after three consecutive years with-

out it. The COVID-19 pandemic forced a cancellation in 2020 and 2021. Then, organizers had to cancel in 2022 when we had nasty, un-parade-able weather.

Since 1980, the Delmarva Irish American Club has not only produced the parade, but has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for charitable efforts like scholarships for college-bound high-schoolers. With the parade back on track, so too, can the club resume its invaluable fundraising efforts for our community.

So, let's raise a pint of Guinness and toast the return of a beloved tradition. If you need to find me at the parade March 11, I'll be the one dressed in green. Slainte!

City offers free bulk pickup March 25, one day only

The Town of Ocean City will offer free bulk trash pickup on Saturday, March 25. 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 2 p.m., so please make sure your items are curbside on Friday or first thing Saturday at the very latest.

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

The CWCA board of directors has decided not to hold its cleanup of Fiesta Park this year.

Welcome to the CWCA board of directors, John and Marye!

At the Feb. 22 CWCA monthly meeting, John Moran and Marye Kellermann volunteered to serve on the Caine Woods Community Association board of directors, to replace Judy Holler and Mark Jahnke who recently resigned. And John has agreed to take on the role of recording secretary on the executive committee. Welcome to the board!

CERT training begins March 9

Citizens can make a difference for their families by enrolling in the Community Emergency Response Team training course that begins Thursday, March 9, at the Ocean City Public Safety Building, 6501 Coastal Hwy.

Community Emergency Response Team training is designed to help citizens help themselves and their families in the event of a catastrophic disaster.

Because emergency services personnel will not be able to help everyone immediately following a disaster, CERT is a free training course that aims to provide citizens with basic information for preparedness and techniques when dealing with emergencies.

This training covers basic skills including CPR/AED, first aid, recognizing natural and manmade hazards, disaster preparedness such as emergency plans and disaster supply kits, hazardous material emergencies and basic fire suppression.

The course is being offered by the Ocean City Emergency Services Department and is also part of the town's Ocean City University program. Those who complete this CERT course, a 16-week general studies program through OC University as well as

the Citizens Police Academy, can earn a Ph.D. certificate from the Town of Ocean City.

Training will run each Thursday evening for seven weeks, ending April 27. To register, contact Emergency Management at 410-723-6616.

Picnic June 24 at Fiesta Park

The annual Caine Woods summer kick-off picnic will be held Saturday, June 24, at Fiesta Park from noon to 3 p.m. The rain date is June 25. An array of food and beverages will be provided including ham, barbecue, hot dogs, salads and more. Bring an extra \$1 or \$5 to purchase tickets for the 50/50 raffle.

We always welcome volunteers to help out at the event and to clean up the park after the festivities are over.

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

If you'd like to bring a guest, the donation is \$10 each; children under age 12 are free. Due to insurance liability, all children must be accompanied by an adult. Please be courteous and do not bring any animals to the picnic.

For more information, call or email Brian Shane at 410-726-3016.

CWCA yard sales set for July 8

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

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.



Still seeking sponsors and vendors for cornhole tournament April 29

The CWCA is hosting its inaugural cornhole tournament and vendor fair Saturday, April 29, from noon to 3 p.m. at Alley Oops Restaurant on 131st Street in Ocean City.

While all slots for players have been taken, we're still seeking vendors and sponsors. If you would like to participate as a vendor or a sponsor, contact Lisa Meck at lcella688@gmail.com or 302-489-9229.

Spectators are welcome to attend and cheer on the players. The afternoon includes entertainment by DJ Brian K. Hall plus raffles and 50/50.

A portion of the proceeds from this event will be donated to Worcester G.O.L.D., Surfers Healing and Eastern Shore T1 Diabetes Foundation.

Dukes Avenue to close temporarily

Chesapeake Utilities is currently installing a gas main under the Fenwick Ditch. As part of this project, Dukes Avenue from the state line to Route 54 will be closed for 24 hours.

The proposed date is March 13, but the utility will provide notice at least seven days in advance and will provide detour signage. Please be aware of this upcoming road closure. We plan to send an e-blast to CWCA members once we learn the final plans.

2023 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.

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

- **March 22:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **April 26:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **April 29:** Cornhole tournament, noon-3 p.m., Alley Oops Restaurant, 131st Street.
- **May 24:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **June 24:** Picnic, noon-3 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date June 25.
- **June 28:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **July 1** (approximate): Newsletter mailing.
- **July 8:** Caine Woods yard sales, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Rain date July 9.
- **July 26:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Aug. 23:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Aug. 26:** Picnic, membership meeting, election of officers, 4-6 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date Aug. 27.
- **Sept. 27:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Oct. 25:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Nov. 1** (approximate): Newsletter mailing.
- **Dec. 12:** Caroling & holiday party, 6 p.m., Elks Club. CWCA members only.

Caine Woods history: 2005-2006

CWCA officers for 2005-2006 were Joe Coleman, president; June McCann, vice-president; Tonja Sas, treasurer; Robert LeMay, secretary; Margaret Sas, then Mary Ann LeMay, corresponding secretary.

CWCA directors were Henry Ammermann, Jim Aschenback, Frank Buscemi, Irene Hansen, Rich Hansen, Fran Kennedy, Mary Ann Lemay (replaced by Donna Umbel), Lloyd Martin, Jack Nickels, Pauline Romanowski, Agnes Schafer, Jeanette Tressler.

Tonja Sas was newsletter editor and Agnes Schafer served as auditor.

The community was saddened upon learning that Margaret Sas died in an automobile accident in January; her daughter Tonja Sas was hospitalized.

Nolan Graves presented his plan for a mini-golf course on the block where the Cottage Cafe stood along 146th Street, minus two individual properties; BB&T Bank and a produce stand. A house on the property will be taken to 13802 Fiesta Road, renovated and put up for sale.

The CWCA audit was completed by Ann Gough. Membership at that time totaled 234.

The board decided to move the spring picnic from the first Saturday in June to the last Saturday in June.

The board continued discussion of adding a pavilion to Fiesta Park. The completion date for the new bus station at 144th Street was estimated to be June 30, 2006.

— *Mary Ann LeMay*
CWCA Historian

Sas named OCPD auxiliary officer of the year; Kirkland is officer of the year

Volunteers of the Ocean City Police Department Auxiliary Unit were recognized Jan. 28 at the Princess Royale for their contribution of 1,338 volunteer hours in 2022. Since the unit's inception in 1999, officers have volunteered a total of over 65,000 hours, which translates to a cost saving of over \$2 million to the taxpayers of Ocean City.

This year, Tonja Sas, an auxiliary officer since the program began, was named auxiliary officer of the year. A member of the CWCA board of directors, Tonja has retired from the Auxiliary Officer Unit after 23 dedicated years of service.

She also received the key to the city along with citations from Del. Wayne Hartman and Sen. Mary Beth Carozza.

Cpl. Michael Kirkland was chosen as the Officer of the Year. Also nominated were PFC Edward Newcomb, PFC Mark Cutter, PFC Kevin Herbert, and Officer Benjamin Panitch.

Cpl. Kirkland has been a member of OCPD since April 2012 and served on the Narcotics Unit and the Worcester County Criminal Enforcement Team. After his promotion in 2022, he was reassigned to the patrol division.



Tonja Sas received these awards upon her retirement from the OCPD Auxiliary Officer Unit

Phone scam alert

The Ocean City Police Department has received reports from concerned citizens after they received a suspicious phone call from an "officer" informing them that they have warrants and

to send money to have the warrants taken care of. One phone call asked the citizen to remain on the phone while they drove to the courthouse. The caller ID is coming up as the Ocean City Police Department.

No police department will ever call you to have warrants handled or ask for any form of payment to do so. If you receive a suspicious call, do not give out personal information, and/or payment information.

To learn more about scams and ways to avoid them, visit www.fcc.gov/general/frauds-scams-and-alerts-guides.

Haven't paid your CWCA dues?

CWCA dues are payable each September and are \$25. If you haven't paid your 2023 dues, please use the form in this newsletter to renew your membership.

And if your email address changes, please email us at cwca@cainewoodsoc.org.

CWCA still has openings on board of directors

Do you have a passion for our neighborhood and its wonderful residents? Would you like to be more involved in the decisions made for the overall membership? Do you have ideas that you think would be beneficial and helpful to all of Caine Woods?

If you said yes to any of these questions, then please consider making yourself available as a candidate for the CWCA Board of Directors. We're actively seeking new members to join.

We meet as a board on the fourth Wednesday of every month (except for November and December). The board works together in planning events, choosing charities to assist, and in representing the neighborhood to our city leaders.

If you are interested, please send an email to cwca@cainewoodsoc.org.

Spreading holiday cheer in the neighborhood

CWCA members were in the Christmas spirit Dec. 6 at our annual caroling event and party at the Elks Club



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 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. 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 contacts 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.

The cost of a membership is \$25 per year. That entitles members to admission to our picnics, with food and beverages provided.

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 410-422-3747 or jah317@aol.com and she will send a card.

Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee always welcomes any and all volunteers who might like to help by plucking weeds or watering flower beds nearby.

If you are interested in helping out, please call, text or email Mike Quade, 443-365-0172, quade6009@verizon.net.

CWCA Membership Application/Renewal

Household Member No. 1 First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Household Member No. 2 First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Caine Woods Address (if different): _____, Ocean City, MD 21842

Telephone: Caine Woods: _____ Cell/Other: _____

Email Addresses: (1) _____ (2) _____

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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, to view the newsletter and calendar of events. We welcome our newest members:

- Susan Fry-Rayfield and Greg Fry, South Bay Drive.
- Shannon Patino and Miquel Patino, 143rd Street.
- Gail Setaro and Peter Setaro, 141st Street.
- Susan Outten and Andrea Phillips, Anchor Chain Road.
- Brooke and Phil Calla, Sand Dune Road.
- Tara and Jim Miller, South Surf Road.
- Jill and Mike Skovira, Laurel Avenue.
- Marye Kellermann, Sand Dune Road.

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