



Caine Woods Community Association

NEWSLETTER

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Message from CWCA President Brian Shane

We just had our annual June picnic at Fiesta Park, and even with rain in the forecast, I was so blown away by the turnout and the show of community pride we have here in Caine Woods.

I got to see a few friends and neighbors at the picnic whom I haven't seen in years. I met new residents who told me how impressed they were with our well-oiled machine of a summer picnic.

I even met one or two people who told me: "I've been living here 20 years and have never come to these picnics; I'm glad to finally give it a shot." High fives and smiles may have been exchanged.

I spoke with homeowners who are excited to live year-round in this part of Ocean City, and want it to be the best

neighborhood in town, and people who want to see us tackle nuisances like speeding, littering and noise.

At the picnic, I saw so many people jazzed about purchasing a Caine Woods T-shirt. Even better, I saw several people and families who were excited to show up to the picnic wearing their CWCA shirts! Does this kind of community pride happen in other neighborhoods? Go find out; I'll wait.

(On that note, let me also give a shout-out to CWCA board member Vance Row for his hard work and creativity with the shirts.)

Some of you out there have been in Caine Woods since the neighborhood was founded. Maybe you've been com-

ing to Ocean City with your families for even longer than that.

I can only speak for myself. I've been in this neighborhood now for 12 years, and a homeowner for four years. I'm in my third year as the person who presides over the CWCA board.

In this role, I've been so lucky to meet people who've been here not only for decades, but people who are brand-new to the neighborhood — and everyone is as excited as the next neighbor to be here.

So far in 2023, I am feeling an amazing sense of belonging, camaraderie and community here in our neighborhood. Now more than ever, I am proud to call our Caine Woods my home.

CWCA yard sales set for July 8

Clean 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.

End-of-summer picnic, election of board and officers Aug. 26

Join the fun Saturday, Aug. 26, 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. The rain date is Aug. 27.

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.

Please note: You will not be served food until you have signed in at the registration table and received a name tag. 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.

Prepare and plan for hurricane season

The Town of Ocean City Emergency Management Department urges residents to prepare for the 2023 Atlantic hurricane season.

It is crucial for residents to be aware of their evacuation routes and gather necessary supplies. Joe Theobald, Director of Emergency Services, suggests, "Take some time to learn what

hazards could happen where you live, and then start preparing now for how to handle them. Your local or state emergency management agency can be a great resource to help you stay informed before, during, and after a disaster.”

The Town of Ocean City recommends the following actions:

- **Know your evacuation route:** Familiarize yourself with the evacuation routes in your area. Understand the designated paths to ensure a safe and efficient evacuation if necessary.
- **Gather supplies:** Ensure you have enough food, water and other essential supplies to sustain every member of your family for several days. Consider the unique needs of your family, including supplies for pets and medication for seniors. Include extra masks, soap, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, or general household cleaning supplies when evacuating to a shelter.
- **Make an emergency plan:** Develop a comprehensive hurricane plan that all members of your household understand. Remember to include plans for the office, daycare center, school and any other frequented locations. Having a well-thought-out plan in place will help mitigate potential risks during an emergency.
- **Remember the furry family members:** Pets require their own emergency plans and supply kits. Identify shelters that accept pets in advance. Collaborate with neighbors, friends or relatives to ensure someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so.

For information and updates, call contact the Emergency Services Office at 410-723-6616 or email emergency@oceancitymd.gov.

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 Visitors Center on 40th Street (410-289-2800). 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 licenses or a safety, building or health code should be reported to City Hall at 410-289-8855.

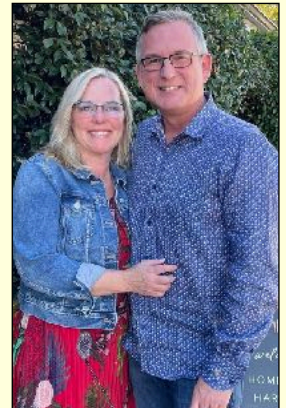
Overgrown grass? Graffiti? Other?

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!

Thanks to Helene and Matt Foxx!

For the past three years, CWCA members Helene and Matt Fox have generously donated funds to the Caine Woods Beautification Committee. It is with these donations that we are able to take on extra projects in our community.

Matt and Helene, from the entire CWCA Board of Directors, we thank you for your generosity!



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.

- **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

Helping OC win the All America City award

For nearly 50 years, the All America City Award, sponsored by the National Civic League, has been awarded to communities that cooperatively tackle challenges and achieve results.

Since 1949, more than 4,000 communities have competed for this award, and nearly 400 were named "All America Cities." Just being chosen for the prestigious award is considered a major achievement.

In 2000, Ocean City was one of 30 finalists nationwide, and a 40-person

team, including CWCA representative Lou Granados, traveled to Louisville, KY, to compete for one of the 10 awards. Award winners told how they overcame obstacles such as high crime or discrimination — problems not being faced by Ocean City.



In 2001, the group decided to enter again, but with a broadened area that included problems similar to those faced by other entrants.

Ocean City was again selected as one of the 30 finalists, and Lou and his wife Ann Granados represented Caine Woods at the competition that was held in Atlanta, GA.

This time, Ocean City was selected as an All America City.

— *Mary Ann LeMay*
CWCA Historian

Keep your vehicle and valuables safe

The OC Police Department offers the following tips to keep your vehicle and valuables safe. These are beneficial to everyone but more so for owners of 2010 to 2021 Kia and Hyundai vehicles. A dangerous social media challenge has been spreading nationwide over the last several months. This social media trend is challenging young teens to steal certain cars off the street using a USB cord. To help combat this issue, Hyundai and Kia have developed theft deterrent software for millions of their vehicles that lack an immobilizer and will provide it FREE of charge to vehicle owners.

- Lock ALL of your vehicle's doors, even if you'll be gone for "just a second," and keep all windows closed. It's not uncommon for thieves to walk down a row of parked vehicles, looking for unlocked doors.
- Don't leave valuables in your vehicle. If you do and they're visible, the chances your vehicle will get broken into increase greatly.
- Place items out of sight before reaching your destination. You might be watched as you put your valuables under a seat or in the trunk, and the moment you're gone, a thief could break into your car. Valuable items that thieves target are GPS units, credit cards, money, packages, etc.
- Park in busy, well-lit areas. Choose a parking spot where there is a lot of activity. Thieves prefer breaking into cars in isolated areas.
- Don't leave any sign that there might be valuables in your vehicle. For example, the suction cup on your dashboard might tell thieves that you have a GPS in your vehicle. Very few auto break-ins are random. The thieves usually see something out in the open or hints of possible hidden valuables.
- Alarms or anti-theft devices work. Thieves are usually looking for the easiest target. If your car has an alarm, it could act as

a deterrent. But just because you have an alarm, it doesn't mean thieves won't break in IF you leave valuable items in plain sight.

- Don't leave spare keys in your vehicle. An experienced thief knows all the hiding places.
- 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, call the Ocean City Police Department immediately. Provide a complete description of the items that were stolen, along with your license plate number, make and model of vehicle, year and color, plus VIN and insurance company.

The Ocean City Police Department encourages you to call our tip line at 410-520-5136, email us at crimetips@oceancitymd.gov or call 410-723-6610.

Dues are due each September

CWCA dues are payable each September and are \$25. 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.

Drug drop box available at OCPD

To prevent the abuse of unused prescription medication, the Ocean City Police Department has a drug drop box in the lobby of the Public Safety Building at 65th Street bayside, available for public access around the clock.

Most prescription medicines should not be flushed down the toilet or thrown into the trash. This drop box program allows residents and visitors to dispose of unneeded, expired or unwanted medicine easily and properly.

The box was donated by the OC Elks Lodge.

Cornhole tourney raises money for charity

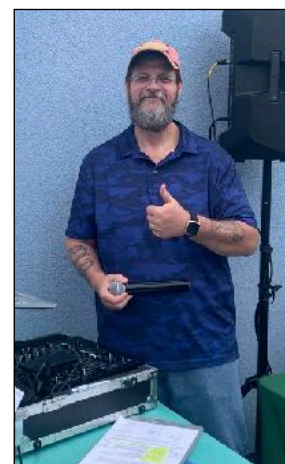
Congratulations to the Shorebilly team of Donald Stevens and Darin Bowden! They took first place at the inaugural CWCA Cornhole Tournament April 29 at Alley Oops North.

Our sincere thanks to all the players, attendees and volunteers for making this event a huge success. Special thanks to our vendors and sponsors — Atlantic Maintenance Group; Deeley

Insurance; Ark Systems Inc.; Whiteford, Taylor and Preston; and Live Wire Media — and to DJ Brian K. Hall.

From the funds raised at the tournament, we were able to donate \$430 each to the Eastern Shore Type 1 Diabetic Support Foundation, Worcester GOLD and Surfers Healing!

— Lisa Meck and Vance Row, Tournament Co-Chairs



~ See next page for letters of thanks from two of the charities ~

Charities express thanks for donations



Dear Lisa, Vance and the CWCA Board,

Thank you for your donation from the cornhole tournament of \$430. Your donation will help us to continue to support the local Type 1 diabetic community.

Eastern Shore Type 1 Diabetic Support Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization. We are excited to announce that in addition to providing scholarships for children with type 1 diabetes to attend summer camp, over the past 3 years we have also provided \$13,000 in high school scholarship programs to graduating seniors with type 1 diabetes. On May 21, we held a free bowling day for families with T1D children as siblings sometimes feel forgotten as families struggle with a diabetic child, so we wanted everyone to be able to have fun and meet other T1D families.

Please visit our website at www.est1d.org and look for upcoming news about Eastern Shore T1 Diabetic Support Foundation and the special events and fundraisers we are planning. Feel free to contact me at 410-250-1046 or Katie Rimel at 410-251-4793 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Tonja Sas, Secretary
Eastern Shore T1 Diabetic Support Foundation



Dear Vance and friends at the CWCA,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$430! I had a great time and met some wonderful people at your event. Your selfless contribution will provide immediate relief for Worcester County residents with nowhere else to turn.

Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity) provides emergency financial assistance and basic needs items for Worcester County residents living in low-income circumstances.

All requests for assistance come from agents employed with GOLD's community partners. These caseworkers, counselors and advocates rely on GOLD for immediate access to funding or basic needs when their clients experience a crisis.

With your support, we'll be able to ensure that Worcester County families have access to necessities like food, shelter, health care and utilities. Thank you for your generosity, and we hope you'll continue to be a part of the positive change we're making right here, right now!

With appreciation,
Nicholas Cranford, Executive Director
Worcester GOLD

Seeking CWCA board members!

The CWCA general membership meeting and election of officers will take place at the end-of-summer picnic Saturday, Aug. 26, at Fiesta Park.

If you are interested in joining the board of directors, please contact any board member (listed on the back page of this newsletter) to be nominated.

Mother Nature cooperated at the kickoff picnic

*The rain ended just in time for the annual event June 24.
Thanks as always to all the volunteers who helped out.*



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 the Tiburon Condominium meeting room on 141st Street at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month except November and December. If a change occurs, a note will be posted on the Tiburon meeting room door.

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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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, please encourage them to go to our website, www.cainewoodsoc.org, to view the newsletter and calendar of events. We welcome our newest members:

- Dana and Tim Mierzwicki, 142nd Street.
- Mary and Daniel Esmond, Sailing Road.
- Christine and James Bollendorf, Derrickson Avenue.
- Katy and Patrick McCormick, 140th Street.
- Theresa Skepton, 140th Street.
- Cynthia and James Covey, 136th Street.
- Mary Paros and George Sakellis, Sea Captain Road.
- Maria and John McCowan, Fountain Road.
- Angie and Jim Mulligan, South Surf Road.
- Danielle and Scott Sizer, Hurricane Road.
- Amanda and Michael Coombs, 144th Street.
- Jodi and Tim Kline, 136th Street.
- Rose, Maria, Francesca and Dominic Cirincione, Loop Road.
- Luann and Bobby Dodson, 141st Street
- Theresa and Ted Vanderloan, South Surf Road.
- Diane and Christopher Chavis, Anchor Chain Road.
- Tina and Jessi Kramer-Merriken, Barge Road.
- Connie Brown, Anchor Chain Road.
- Susan and Paul Appel, Barge Road.

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