



# Caine Woods Community Association NEWSLETTER

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## *Message from CWCA President Michael Quade*

Happy new year to all! Here's hoping 2024 finds everyone in good health. As we turn to the new year, we must continue to support our town's efforts to make this the best place to live in Maryland.

Our town's government is one of the best run in the country. Hats off to our Mayor, the City Council, and all the administrative staff and employees

who continue to make our town a safe and clean environment in which to live.

As winter leaves us and spring arrives, it's time to start thinking about cleaning up our properties. Soon we will be cutting grass and power washing our homes to get ready for a busy summer season.

Remember to check in on our elderly neighbors and ask if we can help with

any chores they may have. It's always a good feeling to help each other out.

The CWCA board of directors invites everyone to attend our monthly board meetings, which are held at the Tiburon condo meeting room on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Let's all have for a great summer season!

## **Emergency response training course begins March 21**

The Ocean City Department of Emergency Services will offer its Community Emergency Response Team training program beginning March 21. This free course will help strengthen the community's resilience and preparedness.

CERT is a community-building initiative designed to empower citizens to be self-reliant in times of crisis. The program equips participants with essential skills to recognize and respond to

natural and man-made hazards within the community.

CERT members contribute significantly to town events and engage with the community, fostering a spirit of unity and pre-

paredness. Participants will receive training on disaster preparedness, search and rescue techniques, hazardous materials emergencies, and essential fire suppression.

CERT members serve as a resource when emergency services personnel are unable to reach everyone immediately following a disaster.

This free course will meet once a week in the evening for eight weeks. Applicants must be age 16 or more, and must complete an application and permit the OC Police Department to conduct a background check. To learn more about the pro-

gram and secure your spot, visit [www.oceancitymd.gov](http://www.oceancitymd.gov) or email [occert@gmail.com](mailto:occert@gmail.com).

## **City offers free bulk pickup March 23**

The Town of Ocean City will offer free bulk trash pickup on Saturday, March 23. 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 1 p.m., 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.

## **Picnic June 22 at Fiesta Park**

The annual Caine Woods summer kick-off picnic will be held Saturday, June 22, at Fiesta Park from noon to 2 p.m. The rain date is June 23.

An array of food and beverages will be provided including burgers, 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.

Please note: You will not be served food until you have signed in at the registration table. Members are welcome to bring a



guest for a donation of \$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 Mike Quade at 443-365-0172 or email [cwca@cainewoodsoc.org](mailto:cwca@cainewoodsoc.org).

## CWCA yard sales set for July 13

Clean out your attics and closets! Our annual community-wide yard sale will be held Saturday, July 13, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, July 14.

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.

## What to do if you smell gas

Natural gas and propane are safe, reliable and convenient, and it adds to our comfort, so why does it have to smell so bad?

Natural gas and propane are odorless by nature, so for safety's sake, an odorant called mercaptan is added so that you will know if gas is escaping and recognize that a potentially dangerous situation may exist.

Natural gas and propane that have escaped can enter locations (including properties that don't have natural gas service) by migrating and entering through openings.

If you ever detect a "rotten egg" smell in or near your home or place of business, take the following precautions to help keep your family, friends and colleagues safe:

- Do leave your home or building immediately.
- Do immediately call your local emergency number (911)

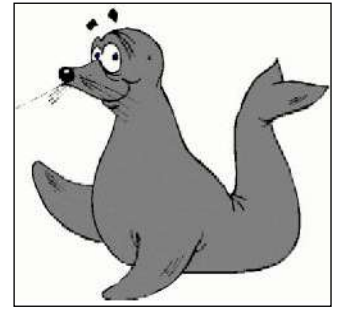
from a cell phone outside the home or building, or from a neighboring location, to report the suspected gas leak.

- Do not use your telephone, turn on or off the light switches, light a match or do anything that might create a spark or flame.
- Do not re-enter the building where the leak is suspected until emergency professionals give the OK.

## If you see a marine mammal on the beach, here's what to do

It's that time of the year again. Seals love to enjoy our beach as much as we do and they will beach themselves to rest or to get warm. Please stay at least 150 feet away from a beached seal.

If it seems to be in distress or you are unsure, call the National Aquarium's Stranding Hotline at 410-576-3880, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources at 800-628-9944 or the Ocean City Police Department's Animal Control Unit at 410-723-6610. You can also call these numbers if you spot a beached sea turtle, whale or other marine mammal.



## Crime tip hotline available

The Ocean City Police Department recognizes that citizens may be reluctant to notify the police about their suspicions and concerns. But often, your hunches turn out to be valuable information to the police.

The OCPD encourages citizens to call its tip hotline at 410-520-5136 or leave a message on the city website at [www.oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/police/crime-tips/](http://www.oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/police/crime-tips/).

If the information is urgent and time-sensitive, call 911.

# 2024 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:** Townwide bulk trash pickup, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **March 27:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **April:** Cornhole tournament, date to be announced.
- **April 24:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **May 22:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **June 22:** Picnic, noon-2 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date June 23.
- **June 26:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **July 1** (approximate): Newsletter mailing.
- **July 13:** Caine Woods yard sales, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Rain date July 14.
- **July 24:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Aug. 24:** Picnic, membership meeting, election of officers, 4-6 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date Aug. 25.
- **Aug. 28:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **September or October:** Special event, details to be announced.
- **Sept. 25:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Oct. 23:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Nov. 1** (approximate): Newsletter mailing.
- **Dec. 10:** Caroling & holiday party, 6 p.m., Elks Club. CWCA members only.

# Caroling party brings holiday spirit to Caine Woods

*CWCA members enjoyed an evening of caroling around the neighborhood, followed by a party at the Elks Club*



## Caine Woods History: 2006-2007

CWCA officers were Robert LeMay, president; Lloyd Martin, vice-president; Tonja Sas, treasurer; Mary Ann LeMay, secretary; Donna Umbel, corresponding secretary. Directors were Henry Ammermann, Irene Hansen, Lucille Johansen, Agnes Schaper and Jeanette Tressler. Newsletter editor was Tonja Sas; the auditor was Ann Gough.

Because of the storm named Ernesto, the Sept. 2 picnic was postponed to Sept. 16. Lloyd Martin reported work on the Fiesta Park pavilion would start in January. Tonja Sas reported continuing problems with traffic and parking at the new 144th Street city bus station. Donna Umbel reported that seven people went on the OCDC downtown tour in October.

Nolan Graves informed the board of his plans for his property along Coastal Highway between 144th and 146th streets. In January, our CD came due and was to be reinvested at Mercantile Peninsula at 5.25 percent for 13 months.

A letter was developed to send to nearby businesses to offer an opportunity to participate in the CWCA by donating door prizes/premiums; providing items for the hospitality packet; and/or advertising in our newsletter.

Rosalie Stuller, Donna Umbel and Agnes Schaper worked on the flower beds and they look lovely. Mail Movers is closing at 120th Street, so CWCA will get a post office box at the 71st Street post office.

The Board voted in June to donate the Caine Woods entry signs to the city for it to maintain. But the city allowed the community to place the signs on city property in 1992, so we must maintain them.

With a storage room to be available at the new pavilion in Fiesta Park, Lloyd Martin reported the old storage area was cleaned out and the key returned to Nolan Graves.

— Mary Ann LeMay, CWCA Historian

## Gutowski named 2023 OCPD Officer of the Year

The Ocean City Police Department hosted its annual Officer of the Year ceremony at the Princess Royale Jan. 27. Nearly 160 guests gathered to recognize OCPD personnel and volunteers for their accomplishments and named Detective First Class Amy Gutowski the Officer of the Year.

Also nominated were PFC Corwin Vincent, PFC Mark Cutter, PFC Kevin Herbert and Cpl. Ryan Flanagan. We thank Larry Yates, Tonja Sas, Charles "Newt" Weaver, Megan Alvarado and Lee



**Amy Gutowski**

Gerachis for meeting with the nominees and selecting the officer of the year.

DFC Gutowski is a 13-year member of the OCPD. She has been a member of the Major Crimes Unit for the past two years. Gutowski is known for her tireless work ethic, teamwork and advanced job knowledge.

In 2023, she was the primary detective on 35 investigations, including 12 rape/sex assault cases and multiple other felony investigations, and assisted other detectives and the patrol division with numerous investigations throughout the year.

Gutowski dedicates herself to shaping the future of law enforcement. She serves as a defensive tactics Instructor and a drill instructor for the OCPD seasonal academy and the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy, as a taser CEW instructor, and as a field training officer instructor. She earned the distinction of Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy Police Instructor of the Year for 2023.

Volunteers of the OCPD Auxiliary Unit were also recognized for their contribution of 1,352 volunteer hours in 2023. This year, the Auxiliary Officer of the Year award was given to Colleen Douglas, an auxiliary officer since 2013. In 2023, she donated 504 hours.

The following officers were also recognized for exemplary service:

Meritorious service: Lt. Frank Wrench, Lt. Allen Hawk and Sgt. Richard Wawrzeniak.

Special commendation: PFC Justin Koser and PFC William Mossop. Two community members, James Peck and Michael Hansen from the Comfort Inn Gold Coast, will also receive this award.

Excellent performance: Lt. Andrew Yeager, Cpl. Michael Karsnitz, Officer Dylan Harlos, DFC Kory Moerschel, Custody Officer Jessica Lagas, PFC Mark Cutter, Officer Emma Hamilton-Blackford, PFC Devin Bartrom, Sgt. Joseph Bushnell, PFC Erika Rhode, PFC Yovanny Ramirez (x2), PFC Patrick McElfish, PFC Patrick Keller, Sgt. Kyle Murray and PFC Terrance Jankouskas.

The following officers were promoted in 2023: Lt. Jeffrey Heiser, Sgt. Shawn Lindsay, Cpl. Benjamin Berry, PFC Hailie Brumley, PFC Anthony Helias, PFC Terrance Jankouskas, PFC

Patrick Keller, PFC Justin Koser, PFC Benjamin Panitch, PFC Daniel Richardson, PFC Ryan Walker, PFC Jessica Wieber, Crime Scene Technician Victoria Herbert, and Crime Scene Technician Sara Hetherington.

## Keep an eye on overhanging trees, shrubs

Please be aware that the Town of Ocean City periodically inspects trees and shrubbery throughout the town to ensure that landscaping does not impede the public right-of-way for passage. The city's guidelines call for trees that overhang public sidewalks to have a 7-foot clearance, while those overhanging public streets must have a 14-foot clearance.

Those in violation are subject to fines and other penalties as described in the city code. For more information, call the OC Recreation and Parks Department at 410-250-0125.

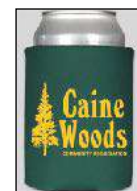
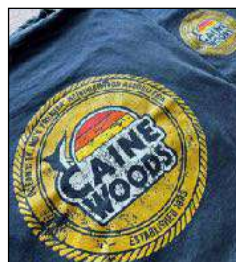
## Dudley earns Eagle Scout rank

Congratulations to Caine Woods resident Finian Dudley, who earned the rank of Eagle Scout by completing a service project in our neighborhood. He built three "little libraries" for our public parks: Fiesta Park, North Surf Park and Gorman Avenue Park. He's joined here by CWCA president Mike Quade.



## CWCA T-shirts, koozies available

The Caine Woods Community Association has T-shirts and can koozies available for sale. For more information and availability, send an email [cwca@cainewoodsoc.org](mailto:cwca@cainewoodsoc.org).



# 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 [cwca@cainewoodsoc.org](mailto:cwca@cainewoodsoc.org). We respect your privacy and do not share your email address with anyone.

Please send a check for membership applications and renewals; Venmo is no longer accepted.

## 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, call Mary Ann at 410-250-4688 or email [lemaymary26@gmail.com](mailto:lemaymary26@gmail.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](mailto:jvalcourt@gmail.com).

The cost of a membership is \$25 per year and 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 [iah317@aol.com](mailto:iah317@aol.com).

## 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](mailto: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) \_\_\_\_\_

Please print clearly. Make checks payable to CWCA in the amount of \$25.00 and mail to: CWCA, P.O. Box 4681, Ocean City, MD 21843-4681.

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*The cost is \$30 for CWCA members,  
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*The newsletter is published in  
March, July and November.*

*For more information,  
email [cwca@cainewoodsoc.org](mailto:cwca@cainewoodsoc.org).*

## *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:*

- Barbara Osborn and Rick Record, Loop Road.
- Deborah and Martin Insogna, 142nd Street.
- Tanya and Rich Swenson, McCabe Avenue.
- Sandy and Cecil Hill, 144th Street.
- Christine and Corey Duncan, Hurricane Road.
- Diane and Jim Nicosia, 139th Street.

## **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/).

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