

Caine Woods Community Association

NEWSLETTER

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Message from CWCA President Michael Quade

Winter is over and summer is finally here. Where has the year gone? It seems just like last week it was 2023.

The past year has handed Caine Woods neighbors more challenges than normal, with the construction of the new townhouses between 142nd and 145th streets and the possibilities of our streets being flooded with overflow parking, plus the day trippers from communities on Route 54.

I encourage all CWCA members to voice their concerns on any and all issues to the Ocean City Mayor and City Council. We must stay strong on these issues to protect our tranquil and peaceful neighborhood.

Also, I invite all CWCA members to attend our monthly board of directors meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Tiburon Condo meeting room.

I'd like to give a special thanks to Dennis, Liz, Tonja, Lloyd and the rest of the CWCA board of directors for assisting me in my first year as president. Your knowledge and guidance are much appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact any board member

Best wishes to all for a fun, safe and peaceful summer season.

The Caine Woods Community Association occasionally sends e-blasts to our members to inform them of important events and other information. If you think you're not receiving these e-blasts, please let us know by emailing 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.

End-of-summer picnic, election of board and officers Aug. 24

Join the fun Saturday, Aug. 24, at Fiesta Park for our end-ofsummer picnic from 4 to 6 p.m. We'll have an array of food, plus plenty of beverages and music. The rain date is Sunday, Aug. 25.

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.

Please note: You will not be served food until you have signed in at the registration table.

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.

Members are welcome to bring a guest for a donation of \$10 per guest; 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.

Christmas caroling, party Dec. 10

All CWCA members are welcome to share the Christmas spirit Tuesday, Dec. 10, and join our group of carolers as we ride

around Caine Woods in a tram or bus provided by the Town of Ocean City.

Carolers will meet at the Elks Club on 138th Street in OC at 6 p.m. to sign in and pick up song sheets and candles. The tram or bus will leave at 6:30 p.m. The Christmas party begins when the carolers return around 8 p.m. The Elks will serve a variety of food. Desserts are welcomed; please list the ingredients in case someone may be allergic to any of the ingredients.

The CWCA will help collect money and toys for the OC Police Department's toy drive. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy and/or a check or cash to the party and help others during this holiday season.

Please note, this event is open to CWCA members only.

If you know of someone who would enjoy a visit from the carolers, contact Irene Hansen at 410-422-3747 or iah317@aol.-com.

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.

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!

Senior citizen bus passes available

Residents and property owners age 60 and over are eligible for senior bus passes.

The pass allows unlimited rides on city buses and ADA van (if eligible). Free rides on the seasonal Boardwalk trams are permitted from noon to 4 p.m. on non-holiday dates, and \$1 off the tram fare at all other times.

The cost of the senior bus pass is \$7, and the pass is valid for two years.

Applications for resident senior bus passes and renewals require proof of age, residency or property ownership, such as an Ocean City tax bill.

A non-resident bus pass is available free of charge to anyone age 60 or older. This pass entitles the holder to half-fare passage on the bus and ADA van (if eligible). The pass is not recognized for reduced or free passage on the trams.

Neither pass applies to MEDTRN service. For more information, call City Hall at 410-289-8221.

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 are also available on a first-come, first-served basis weekdays only from the Welcome 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 maintaining, cleaning and storing the chairs safely once in your possession.

Stay informed the easy way — online!

We do our best to inform our members about important topics, upcoming events, etc., so PLEASE check your email and spam folders often so you can stay in the loop. Also check out our Facebook.com page at www.facebook.com/cainewoodsOC. It's easy, and it's free.

You can also sign up to receive alerts and news from the Town of Ocean City, including upcoming city meetings, public hearings, events, job openings, volunteer opportunities and more. Just go to www.oceancitymd.gov/oc/city-hall/enews/ and select the topics you'd like to know about.

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.

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

- 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.

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.

Sources of local information and happenings

While the CWCA board of directors does its best to relay important information to our members via email, we know there may be times when you don't receive our notifications. So please check your spam folder often, just in case our e-blasts end up there.

To keep up with other local issues, you can view the agendas of upcoming City Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, and Board of Zoning Appeals meetings on the Town of Ocean City's website. And that's where you can sign up for notifications from the town. Just go to www.oceancitymd.gov.

The local newspaper, Ocean City Today-Dispatch, also is a wealth of information and is available online at www.oceancitytoday.com.



Little free libraries are in our parks

Thanks to local Eagle Scout Finian Dudley, little free libraries can be found on 141st Street at Fiesta Park, on North Surf Road at North Surf Park and on Fountain Road at Gorman Park. Please take a book and leave a book!

Caine Woods History: 2007-2008

Officers for 2007-2008 were Robert LeMay, president; Lloyd Martin, vice-president; Tonja Sas, treasurer; Mary Ann LeMay, secretary; Donna Umbel, corresponding secretary; Joe Coleman, past-president. Directors were Henry Ammermann, Irene Hansen, Howard Caplan, Lucille Johansen, Agnes Schafer, Rosalie Stuller and Jeanette Tressler. Johansen was also newsletter editor. The audit was done by Ann Gough, a CWCA member.

Johansen reported that our newsletter half-fold is too thin to go through the machine at the Post Office. There was a brief discussion on emailing the newsletter; the setup on the computer would need to be changed drastically. The next newsletter was scheduled for April 1. Johansen will develop guidelines for ads.

The board of directors had been discussing a memorial for Margaret Sas. A bench with her name imprinted on it was to be placed in Fiesta Park. The executive board met with Mr.

Ginnivan and Mr. Purnell of the OC Parks Department to order the bench. The city had plans to replace playground equipment at North Surf Park.

The board sent a letter to Nolan Graves stating it has no opposition to the expansion of his Game World and Buccaneer Booty on 145th Street with a parking exception. Stuller reported she found empty beer cans in the median of 142nd Street for two months in a row. OC Police and the city kept checking in this area. A police bike patrol was slated for Caine Woods.

The board approved a \$100 donation to the Tiburon Condominium for our use of its meeting room, and a \$200 donation to the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program of Delmarva.

The cost of liability insurance increased; Bob LeMay and Lloyd Martin checked on a variety of carriers.

- Mary Ann LeMay, CWCA Historian

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June 22 summer kickoff picnic sees more than 200 members and friends gather at Fiesta Park

































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. 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.

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 <u>javalcourt@gmail.com</u>.

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.

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)			
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.		

Service Directory





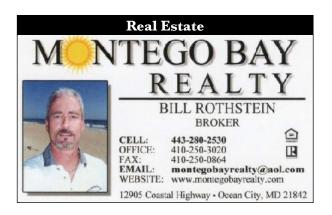












Service Directory



Want to advertise?

The cost is \$30 for CWCA members, \$55 for non-members.

The newsletter is published in March, July and November.

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

- Tricia and Joe Mirarchi, Anchor Chain Road.
- Stacey and Doug Blanchard, South Surf Road.
- Ayaka and Edward Silverman, South Bay Drive.
- Dorothy Holloway, 141st Street.
- Judi and Michael Musk, Kelly Road.
- Sharon Edwards, Coastal Highway.
- Juli and John Feissner, Lighthouse Avenue.
- Linda and Kenneth Thomas, 143rd Street.
- Kim and Mark Mackins, 142nd Street.
- Kimberly and Michael Rill, 143rd Street.

- Jacqueline and Stephen Salter, Fiesta Road.
- Shawn A. Swing, Sailing Road.
- Beth Hannon and Frank Fetter, Kelly Road.
- Lauren and Michael Zupnik, Fiesta Road.
- Marie and Tony Butta, Anchor Chain Road.
- Amy and Scott Martin, Anchor Chain Road.
- Russell Maykrantz, Hurricane Road.
- Kathleen Niepsey, Fiesta Road.
- Kathy and Donald Ossmus, Dukes Road.
- Anderson Pannella, 140th Street.

Local government contact information

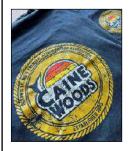
If you have a question or concern you'd like to share with the OC Mayor, City Council members or city staff, call the main City Hall phone number at 410-289-8221.

To email the Mayor and City Council,
either individually or as a group, go to
www.oceancitymd.gov/oc/city-hall/mayor-and-citycouncil/. 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/.

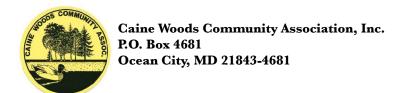
CWCA T-shirts, koozies available

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.









Caine Woods Community Association Executive Committee

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Please contact any officer or director with any information or concerns you may have, especially information that should be shared with CWCA members.

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