



Caine Woods Community Association

NEWSLETTER

March 2025

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Message from CWCA President Michael Quade

Happy New Year to all! I hope this year brings health and peace to everyone.

Spring is, we hope, right around the corner. I know everyone is tired of the snow and cold temperatures.

In a few weeks, we will be power-washing our homes, doing major clean-up in our yards, and cutting grass.

Please consider reaching out and giving a helping hand to our elderly neighbors.

Our Christmas caroling event was a great success, and the party at the Elks Club afterward was full of fun.

Hope to see all of our members at our summer kickoff picnic in June.

Have a great spring and summer!

Join us March 27 at Vista in the Fenwick Inn for our Spring Fling!

The CWCA board of directors invites all members and neighbors to our new event — the Spring Fling at Vista Rooftop in the Fenwick Inn! It's set for Thursday, March 27, starting at 5 p.m. Details are still being worked out, but we anticipate special prices on beverages and appetizers. Watch for updates in your email and on our Facebook page.

Hope to see you there!

City offers free bulk pickup March 29

This year, the Town of Ocean City will offer free bulk trash pickup on Saturday, March 29. 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 noon, so please make sure your items are curbside on Friday or very early Saturday morning.

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

Picnic June 21 at Fiesta Park

The annual Caine Woods summer kick-off picnic will be held Saturday, June 21, at Fiesta Park from noon to 2 p.m. The rain date is June 22.

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.

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.

CWCA yard sales set for July 12

Clean out your attics and closets! Our annual community-wide yard sale will be held Saturday, July 12, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, July 13.

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.

Panitch named OCPD officer of the year

The Ocean City Police Department hosted its annual Officer of the Year ceremony Feb. 8 at the Ashore. Nearly 150 guests gathered to recognize OCPD personnel and volunteers and to

name Police Officer First Class Benjamin Panitch as the department's officer of the year.

Community members Larry Yates, Megan Alvarado and Greg Shockley played a crucial role in the selection process. They met with the nominees, including PFC Panitch, PFC Hailie Brumley, PFC Yovanny Ramirez, a detective (name redacted due to assignment), Cpl. Jacob Fetterolf, and Cpl. Ryan Flanagan.

Panitch joined the OCPD in 2019, beginning as a 911 dispatcher and becoming a full-time officer in 2020. As part of the Traffic Safety Unit, he has played a key role in collision reconstruction investigations.

In 2024, his performance included 62 arrests, 122 reportable investigations, 533 traffic citations, and 297 traffic warnings.

Panitch serves as an FAA UAS Pilot, leads First Amendment education for boardwalk performers, plays an active role in recruitment, and serves as a Neighborhood Watch liaison.

Volunteers of the OCPD Auxiliary Unit were also recognized for their contribution of 2,105.25 volunteer hours in 2024. Anthony "Tony" Pinkovsky, who has been in the program since 2019, was named auxiliary officer of the year. Each summer, he serves as a seasonal public safety officer, and in the off-season, he continues to give his time and talents as an AO.

The following individuals were honored for their dedication, courage, and commitment to excellence.

Bronze Star: Sgt. Douglas Smith, Cpl. John Spicer, PFC Likeke Arlington, and PFC Timothy Chaykosky.

Meritorious Service: Sgt. Nathan Kutz.

Lifesaving Award: PFC Anthony Helias, PFC William Mossop, PFC Justin Koser, and Seasonal Officer Finley Cole.

Excellent Performance: Lt. Joseph Lotito, Sgt. Joseph Bushnell, Sgt. Nicholas Forsyth, Sgt. Nathan Kutz, Sgt. Kyle Murray, Cpl. Benjamin Berry, Cpl. David Whitmer, PFC Devin Bartrom, PFC Anthony Calabrese, PFC Joshua Glaub, PFC Amy Gutowski, PFC Emma Hamilton-Blackford, PFC Sean Mills, DFC Edward Newcomb, PFC Benjamin Panitch, PFC Corey Pavinski, PFC Daniel Richardson, PFC Jessica Wieber, Crime Scene Technician Kaleigh Kelly and Maryland State Police Trooper Brandon Stacey.

Unit Citation: Animal Control Officer Barbara Wisniewski and ACO Connor Wisniewski.

Certificate of Outstanding Service: Scott Davidson and Christopher Greenwood.

The following officers were promoted within the last year: Capt. Dennis Eade, Lt. Jeffrey Johns, Lt. Michael Kelly, Lt. Joseph Lotito, Sgt. Michael Kirkland, Sgt. Nathan Kutz, Sgt. Christopher Snyder, Cpl. Danielle Braniff, Cpl. Corey Gemerek, Cpl. Harry Miller, Cpl. Kory Moerschel, Cpl. David Whitmer, PFC Anthony Calabrese, PFC Nicolas Centeio, PFC Timothy Chaykosky, PFC Joshua Glaub, PFC Emma Hamilton-Blackford, PFC Dylan Harlos, PFC Ja-Quez Harrell, PFC Nolan Kilchenstein, PFC Jonette Miller,

PFC Sean Mills, PFC Austin Mora, PFC William Mossop, PFC (name redacted due to assignment), PFC Ryan Osowiecki, PFC Corey Pavinski, and PFC Thomas Stoltzfus, Custody Officer Anna Hoffnagle, Custody Officer Jessica Lagas, and Executive Administrative Assistant Mikayla Shemansky.

Trash container guidelines

The Town of Ocean City requires that trash containers be placed for emptying at the curbside by no later than 6 a.m. on the day of collection by the Solid Waste crews.

These same containers must be moved back to the edge of the building by no later than 6 p.m. that same day.

Scam alert!

Please be aware of an ongoing phone scam in which the caller pretends to be a commander from the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, using the name of an actual deputy, and demands money for missed jury duty or an arrest warrant.

THIS IS A SCAM! The WCSO receives reports of this scam almost daily.

Neither the Worcester County Sheriff's Office or any law enforcement agency will demand payment over the phone.

If you receive this phone call, hang up immediately and do not arrange payment. Do not give out any personal or financial information.

Similar scams have involved impostors claiming to be with the Federal Trade Commission or the IRS. If you believe you may have been a victim of a telephone scam (shared personal or financial info), call the Sheriff's Office at 410-632-1112.

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/. You can also view city meetings at that website.

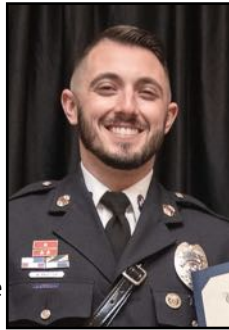
To contact the Worcester County government offices, call 410-632-1194 or go to www.co.worcester.md.us/.

Welcome to our newest members!

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:

- Jamie and Tim Jones, Sinepuxent Avenue.
- Christina and Doug Grantham, 142nd Street.
- Maria and Will Rivera, North Ocean Road.
- Missy and James Toth, Hurricane Road.

If you haven't paid your dues for 2025 yet, please use our website or the application found elsewhere in this newsletter to renew.



PFC Panitch

Caine Woods History: 2009-2010

In 2009-2010, Caine Woods Community Association officers were Lloyd Martin, president; Mark Jednorsky, vice-president; Robert LeMay, secretary (resigned in March and was replaced by Monica Martin); Mary Ann LeMay, corresponding secretary; Tonja Sas, treasurer.

The board of directors included Howard Caplan, Joe and Annette Colantuoni (resigned in August); Irene Hansen, Joe Kostelac, Agnes Schaper and Rosalie Stuller. Newsletter editor Tonja Sas was replaced in June by Liz Dare. Ann Gough performed the audit.

In April, CWCA members cleaned up Fiesta Park and, along with Ocean City



Parks Department employees, created a habitat for small animals in the park.

In July, the Fenwick Island lighthouse celebrated the 150th anniversary of its lighting.

Caine Woods artists Agnes Schaper and George Hamaty had works shown in June and July at the Ocean City Library.

The 26th annual National Night Out was celebrated Aug. 4 in Fiesta Park. The crab feast fund-raiser in September raised \$2,353 for the Believe in Tomorrow Children's House by the Sea.

The Christmas caroling event in December was canceled due to bad weather.

Residents were reminded that if they are away from their homes for a prolonged period, they can have the OC Police Department perform security checks.

— *Mary Ann LeMay, CWCA Historian*

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PAYMENTS TO CWCA

To renew your membership, please mail a check to our post office box, or use the CWCA website for credit card payment. Don't use any other form of payment.

2025 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 26, 2025:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **March 27, 2025:** Spring Fling, 5 p.m., Vista Rooftop in the Fenwick Inn.
- **March 29, 2025:** Townwide bulk pickup, 7 a.m.-noon.
- **April 23, 2025:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **May 28, 2025:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **June 21, 2025:** Picnic, noon-2 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date June 22.
- **June 26, 2025:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **July 1, 2025 (approximate):** Newsletter mailing.
- **July 12, 2025:** Caine Woods yard sales, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Rain date July 13.
- **July 23, 2025:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Aug. 23, 2025:** Picnic, membership meeting, election of officers, 4-6 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date Aug. 24.
- **Aug. 27, 2025:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Sept. 24, 2025:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Oct. 22, 2025:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Nov. 1, 2025 (approximate):** Newsletter mailing.
- **Dec. 9, 2025:** Caroling & holiday party, 6 p.m., Elks Club. CWCA members only.


Charting the future of Ocean City

Ocean City residents and property owners are invited to “Co-Chart the OC Future” by engaging in a unique opportunity at the Ocean City Convention Center on Friday, March 14, beginning at 10 a.m.

This is a free event and all are encouraged to attend.

Participants will share dreams about tomorrow and design practical steps to realize those visions. Register online at www.ococean.com/150

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Ocean City isn't just where we live, work, and play—it's a special place that's truly "somewhere to smile about." Every team member is a vital piece of this coastal community, and your unique perspective and ideas help shape our future, especially as we celebrate our 150th anniversary this year.

In this interactive workshop, we'll dig into what's working well, dream about what's on the horizon, and design practical steps to co-create a future we can all be proud of. We'll harness the energy, creativity, and strengths of everyone in the room to elevate engagement and align around a shared vision that inspires us to get excited about what's ahead.

Whether you're navigating the boardwalk, managing behind the scenes, or greeting visitors with a smile, this is your chance to help shape a thriving workplace and community that reflects the best of Ocean City. Let's work together to ride the waves of possibility and create a future worth celebrating—a future that's truly "shore" to bring a smile!

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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, or use the CWCA website for credit card payments.

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 javalcourt@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.

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 Jim Mulligan, 301-461-9609, jim.mulligan64@gmail.com.

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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inquire@cainewoodsoc.org to your
address book/contact list.**

CWCA celebrates the holidays with caroling, party

Caine Woods Association members gathered Dec. 10 for caroling around the neighborhood. Afterwards, we gathered at the Elks Club for food and fun.





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