



Caine Woods Community Association NEWSLETTER

November 2025

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Message from CWCA President John Moran

The holiday season is almost here!
It's the perfect time to meet one another, to lend a hand to those in need, and to celebrate the spirit of the season with family and friends.

Get to know your neighbors at this year's caroling and holiday party at the Elks Club on Tuesday, Dec. 9, beginning at 6 p.m. See details elsewhere in this newsletter. And if you know someone

who would enjoy a visit from the carolers, please let us know as soon as possible.

Wishing everyone a blessed and safe holiday season!

CWCA election results

At the Aug. 23 end-of-summer picnic, the general membership voted to approve the 2025-2026 slate of officers, as follows:

President: John Moran. Vice president: Bridgette Stone.
Recording secretary: Tony Butta. Treasurer: Tonja Sas. Corresponding secretary: Julie Valcourt. Immediate past president: Michael Quade.

Board of Directors: Elizabeth Dare, Irene Hansen, Marye Kellermann, Skip Lee, Mary Ann LeMay, Lloyd Martin, Jim Mulligan, Brian Shane.

Christmas caroling, party Dec. 9

All CWCA members are welcome to share the Christmas spirit Tuesday, Dec. 9, and join our group of carolers as we ride around Caine Woods on a 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 bus will leave at 6:30 p.m.

The Christmas party begins when the carolers return around 8 p.m., where we will enjoy a variety of food. Members are encouraged to bring their favorite desserts; 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 someone who would enjoy a visit from the carolers, contact Irene Hansen at 410-422-3747 or iah317@aol.com.

Trash now collected Tuesdays only

The Town of Ocean City has implemented its winter schedule for waste wheelers. Trash is now collected on Tuesdays only. Twice-weekly collection will resume May 11.

Have your property monitored by OCPD while you're away

If you are a year-round resident and plan on being away from home for a while, you can subscribe to the Ocean City Police Department's residential security check program. Call the OCPD at 410-723-6610 or go to www.oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/police/programs for more information.

Little free libraries 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!



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/.

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

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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.

Haven't renewed your membership?

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.

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

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.

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.

2026 CWCA Budget

Revenues

Guest Donations	\$150.00
Interest Income	\$75.00
Membership Dues	\$6,500.00
Miscellaneous Raffles	\$250.00
Newsletter Advertising	\$140.00
Promotional & T-Shirt Sales	\$300.00
Total Revenues	\$7,115.00

Expenses

Beautification	\$450.00
Donations:	
Gifts & Flowers	\$50.00
Miscellaneous Charitable Donations	\$200.00
Tiburon Donation	\$100.00
Liability Insurance	\$1,327.00
Newsletter	\$350.00
Office Supplies:	
Advertising	\$40.00
P.O. Box Rental (USPS)	\$250.00
Postage/Permits	\$100.00
Office Supplies - Other	\$110.00
Picnics & Events:	
Caroling Party	\$800.00
End-of-Summer Picnic	\$1,200.00
June Picnic	\$1,500.00
Special Purchases	\$100.00
Other — Bonfire	\$103.00
Professional Services/Tax Preparation	\$400.00
Website Expenses	\$35.00
Total Expenses	\$7,115.00

Net Income	\$0.00
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CWCA history: 2011-2012

Officers for 2011-2012 were Dennis Dare, president; Jack Taylor, vice president; Monica Martin, secretary; Tonja Sas, treasurer; Julie Valcourt, corresponding secretary; Lloyd Martin, immediate past president.

Directors were Howard Caplan, Liz Dare, Irene Hansen, Lucille Johansen, Joe Kostelac, Agnes Schaper, Rosalie Stuller, Donna Umbel. Liz Dare was newsletter editor, and the audit was performed by Ann Gough.

Hurricane Irene in August forced the cancelation of our end-of-summer picnic and general membership meeting.

At the September meeting of the CWCA board of directors, it was decided to email the membership to vote on the slate of officers and a bylaw change. Both were approved.

A representative of Delmarva Power spoke at the October board meeting on its plans to expand the 138th Street substation, with an installation of a static VAR compensator. It will improve electric reliability.

The annual Christmas caroling event was held on the second Tuesday of December. Members delighted children with a visit from Santa and cheered up

homebound members with holiday music.

Our charity crab feast at Higgins Crab House North raised \$3,700 for the Cricket Center, a child advocacy center in Worcester County.

We held our annual Fiesta Park cleanup April 14 with help from a crew and supplies from the Ocean City Recreation and Parks Department.

This spring, we lost two active members of the Caine Woods Community: Bob LeMay and Dan Smith.

— **Mary Ann LeMay,**
CWCA Historian

Inaugural CWCA bonfire a big success!

It was a little windy but the evening ultimately turned calm and beautiful Sept. 6 for the CWCA's first beach bonfire at 139th Street. Board members Bridgette Stone and Skip Lee co-chaired the event that featured s'mores and a full moon! We're planning another beach bonfire for the fall.



2025-2026 CWCA events

These events are subject to change. Members will be notified via email of updates.

Other events are in the planning states and will be announced via email.

For details, contact any board member or email cwca@cainewoodsoc.org.

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

PLEASE SHARE THESE DATES WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

WHO ARE CWCA MEMBERS OR WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE!

- **Dec. 9, 2025:** Caroling & holiday party, 6 p.m., Elks Club. CWCA members only.
- **Jan. 28, 2026:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Feb. 25, 2026:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **March 1, 2026 (approximate):** Newsletter mailing.
- **March 25, 2026:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Spring 2026:** Townwide bulk pickup, 7 a.m.-noon. Date to be announced.
- **April 22, 2026:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **May 27, 2026:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **June 20, 2026:** Picnic, noon-2 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date June 21.
- **June 24, 2026:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **July 1, 2026 (approximate):** Newsletter mailing.
- **July 11, 2026:** Caine Woods yard sales, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Rain date July 12.
- **July 22, 2026:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Aug. 22, 2026:** Picnic, membership meeting, election of officers, 4-6 p.m., Fiesta Park. Rain date Aug. 23.
- **Aug. 26, 2026:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **September 2026:** Beach bonfire, date to be announced.
- **Sept. 23, 2026:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Oct. 28, 2026:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **Nov. 1, 2026 (approximate):** Newsletter mailing.
- **Dec. 7, 2026:** Caroling & holiday party, 6 p.m., Elks Club. CWCA members only.

End-of-summer picnic Aug. 23 brings friends, neighbors together 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, 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 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.

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.

Fall Frolic at Vista in the Fenwick Inn

Neighborhood fun continued Oct. 9 at Vista in the Fenwick Inn, where members gathered for happy hour and to enjoy the views from the rooftop restaurant



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The cost is \$30 for CWCA members,
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For more information,
email cwca@cainewoodsoc.org.

The Caine Woods Community Association occasionally sends e-blasts to our members to inform them of important events and other information. To ensure delivery of our emails, please add cwca@cainewoodsoc.org and inquire@cainewoodsoc.org to your address book/contact list. If you think you're not receiving our e-blasts, please let us know by emailing cwca@cainewoodsoc.org.



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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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