



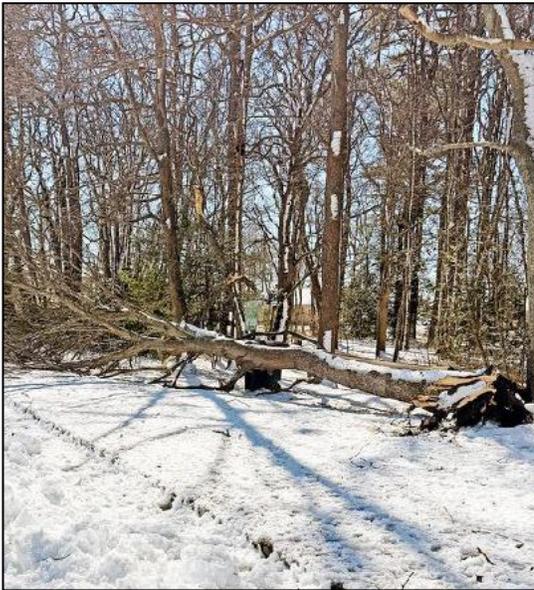
Caine Woods Community Association

NEWSLETTER

March 2026

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We had quite a snowfall Feb. 22-23 that brought down a tree and several limbs in Fiesta Park from the northeaster's heavy, wet snow and high winds. Our thanks to the OC Parks Department workers who took away the debris quickly throughout Ocean City.

City offers free bulk pickup March 28, one day only

The Town of Ocean City will offer free bulk trash pickup on Saturday, March 28. Residents can place household items such as furniture, appliances, carpet, etc., curbside for free Saturday pickup.

Yard debris and shrubs are also permitted; however, the maximum diameter of tree limbs accepted is 3 inches. And it does not include full-size trees or debris from large demolition/remodeling projects.

City staff will collect items from 7 a.m. to noon, so make sure your items are curbside on Friday or very early Saturday morning. City staff have maps that show which streets have been serviced as they go, so remember to have your items out early.

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

Picnic June 20 at Fiesta Park

The annual Caine Woods summer kick-off picnic will be held Saturday, June 20, at Fiesta Park from noon to 2 p.m. The rain date is June 21.

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 John Moran at 301-219-2272 or email cwca@cainewoodsoc.org.

OCPD seeking auxiliary officers

The Ocean City Police Department is looking for volunteers to serve as auxiliary officers.

An auxiliary officer is a civilian trained to support the police department and serve the citizens and visitors of Ocean City by providing volunteer services to supplement regular law enforcement personnel.

Citizens will be required to complete a background check to become an auxiliary officer.

For more information, contact Colleen Douglas at 443-735-4280 or cdouglas@oceancitymd.gov.

Welcome to our newest members!

The CWCA is always looking for new members. If your neighbors are not members, encourage them to go to our website, www.cainewoodsoc.org, to view the newsletter and calendar of events. Invite them to join the association for just \$25 per year and describe all the benefits that go along with membership.

We welcome our newest members:

- Bronwyn Bekker, Sand Dune Road.
- Michelle and Chris Wilk, 142nd Street
- Susan and Kevin Jinks, Sanibel Court.
- Donna and Bill Tabilio, Twin Tree Road.
- Brooke and Phillip Calla, Sand Dune Road.
- Amy and Chris Knotts, Sand Dune Road.

Drop off your old drugs at OCPD

Don't know what to do with those old medications that have been hiding in the back of your medicine cabinet for months, or even years? Take them to the drug drop-off box in the lobby of the Public Safety Building on 65th Street bayside. They will be disposed of properly, no questions asked.

Beach wheelchairs available

The Town of Ocean City offers free beach wheelchairs during the summer season to those needing assistance traveling across the sand. In our area, chairs are located in 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 Memorial Day to Labor Day 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.

Changes to parking in Ocean City

The Town of Ocean City is taking a significant step forward in modernizing its parking payment system by removing traditional parking kiosks from city parking lots and implementing payment via ParkMobile.

Download the ParkMobile app to your phone and set it up before visiting a parking lot. There's no need to display your receipt on the car dashboard; just park, pay and play!

The ParkMobile app will handle all payment details. Just enter your zone number, select your vehicle, set your time, pay and go. And while traditional kiosks are being phased out, users can pay via a QR code, text feature or by phone.

You can easily add more time to your parking session remotely on the ParkMobile app. You'll receive an alert if your time is about to expire, and you can then add more time to your parking session.

For more information, call the Transportation Department at 410-723-2174.

We're planning another Spring Fling!

The CWCA board of directors is planning another spring get-together, where members can gather for happy hour after a long, cold winter! Once details are finalized, we'll send an e-blast to members, so please make sure you add cwca@cainewoodsoc.org and inquire@cainewoodsoc.org to your address book/contact list.

CWCA history: 2013-2014

In 2013, officers of the Caine Woods Community Association were: Dennis Dare, president; Joe Kostelac, vice-president; Julie Valcourt, corresponding secretary; Lloyd Martin, past president.

Directors were Howard Caplan, Liz Dare, Irene Hansen, Judy Holler, Barbara Schmitt, Rosalie Stuller and Donna Umbel.

The audit was done by CWCA member Ann Gough.

Delmarva Power installed a static var compensator at the 138th Street substation to improve electric service reliability throughout Ocean City. It main-

tains stable voltage levels during high or low electric demand.

A new wastewater pumping station was built on Dukes Avenue.

National Night Out was held Aug. 5. Ocean City's new police chief is Ross Buzzaro.

The charity chosen this year by the CWCA to benefit from donations was the Open Kettle program at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Our annual crab feast served as the main fund-raiser for the charity, and the association was able to donate \$4,100 to the Open Kettle program.

In October, volunteers weeded and mulched flower beds in Caine Woods.

The CWCA board of directors discussed the annual contract for liability insurance. The coverage covered the five events the association hosted during the year.

The CWCA moved items from its rented storage locker into the new storage room at Fiesta Park.

Signs to advertise our annual community-wide yard sales were purchased and placed around the neighborhood in July.

— *Mary Ann LeMay, CWCA Historian*

Looking for your ideas and input for Caine Woods

Dear Caine Woods neighbors,

It's been about 18 months since Dennis Dare approached me to consider being on the CWCA board of directors. I have found the experience to be both rewarding and (hopefully) beneficial to the community. But I have to be honest, I wasn't sure exactly what I was getting myself into.

Once I took office, it was determined that I should head up the Philanthropy and Special Events (not including picnics or crab feasts) Committee. I agreed, but immediately said, "What's that?"

After doing some legwork, asking fellow board member Bridgette Stone to join me, and seeking the input of community and board members, I think we finally have it! We promote positive things within the community and arrange for groups and gatherings from time to time for social reasons.

That's in it in a nutshell, but being the "decisions by committee" kind of person I am, I am uncomfortable with this just being a Bridgette and Skip thing.

So, fellow Caine Woods neighbors, we need your help and input. Do you have ideas that you've always wanted to see happen in the neighborhood but didn't know how to get them started? Is there a particular cause you feel the com-

munity should support that needs to grow legs? Is there a social outing you think others would enjoy? Can the association support the community in ways not previously considered?

There's a lot of opportunity in those questions, and we hope you take them seriously. We will! Whether it be a

rooftop gathering or a bonfire blessing, any idea could be explored and assistance would be appreciated to do more for the people of Caine Woods!

And while I have your attention, there are many who live on the bayside between 136th Street and 145th Street who don't know the association exists. Please feel free to share CWCA with them or give them this newsletter and let the words on the page speak for you. All are welcome!

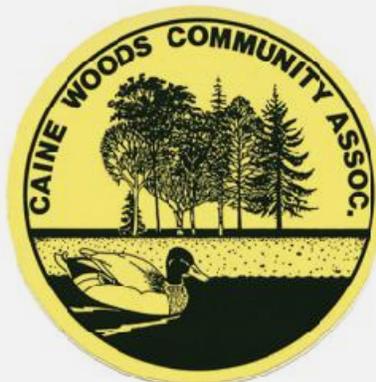
Bridgette and I look forward to hearing your ideas and having you join in the

effort. Please write me at chessietrains@comcast.net.

Thanks, and have a great rest of the spring. Summer will be here before we know it.

Your neighbor friends,

*Skip Lee
and Bridgette Stone*



~~ 2026 CWCA events ~~

- **March 25, 2026:** CWCA board meeting, 7 p.m., Tiburon meeting room.
- **March 28, 2026:** Townwide bulk pickup, 7 a.m.-noon.
- **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.

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!

Ocean City's updated beach canopy rules

The Town of Ocean City has passed new regulations prohibiting tents and limiting canopy use on its beaches, effective immediately. This ordinance aims to enhance safety, improve visibility, and ensure a more enjoyable experience for all beachgoers.

Under the new policy, tents — defined as any structure with sides — are no longer permitted on our beaches. Canopies, which are open-sided shade structures, remain allowed but must adhere to specific guidelines:

- Canopies must be open on all four sides;
- Canopies may be no larger than 10 feet by 10 feet;
- Keep at least 3 feet of space between your canopy and your neighbor's;
- Anchoring must stay within the footprint of the canopy;
- No canopies are to be left unattended before 10 a.m.;
- Canopies must be placed behind the lifeguard stand;
- Baby tents are permitted but no larger than 3 feet by 3 feet by 3 feet.

"Our beaches get extremely crowded, and we want to make sure that we're able to provide an experience that everybody can enjoy," stated Mayor Rick Meehan. "We realize that canopies are important for sun protection. We just want to make sure that what we're not



doing is making it so other people can't enjoy their time out on the beach as well."

The new policy helps improve emergency access, maintains clear sightlines

for the beach patrol, and reduces crowding during peak summer months. The changes also reflect successful practices adopted by other popular beach towns in the region.

CWCA brick at OC Fire Station memorial

The Caine Woods Community Association purchased a brick in 2024 in the fund-raising campaign for the Firefighters Memorial on 65th Street, alongside OC Fire Station 3. Take a look the next time you're nearby!



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.

CWCA spreads holiday cheer with annual caroling party

Members traveled through the neighborhood Dec. 9 on a bus provided by the Town of Ocean City. We also collected toys for the OC Police Department's toy drive.



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