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Upcoming Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

7:00 PM at the

Severna Park Baptist Church Benfield Blvd.

- Committee and Community reports.
- Updates on current community projects
 - New and continuing Crab Away Living Shoreline
 - Hillbottom Beach
 - Ramp Repairs and bulkhead
 - Sunset Beach
- Community Picnic
- Project Ideas
 - Wood Retaining wall at Hillbottom Beach
 - Improving boat ramp

All residents are encouraged to come out for discussions on issues before the board

Help us continue to improve living in Carrollton Manor!

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The following **Volunteer Opportunities** are available:
CMIA Web Master needed to manage the CMIA site.
Two Candidates for CMIA Board.
Contact any Board member if you are interested.

Mark Your Calendar

June Community Meeting: Tuesday, **June 7** at 7:00 pm at the Benfield Baptist Church on Benfield Blvd. See Agenda on page 1.

BOD Elections: Two CMIA BOD positions will again come up for re-election in Oct. Being on the BOD is a very rewarding way to give back to your community. We have a great place to live and it is only getting better- but we need you to help. We are seeking someone to serve as treasurer for our community. This is an excellent opportunity for those with an accounting/bookkeeping/banking/budgeting background to keep skills sharp, build resumes and be connected while serving your community. For more information on what is involved- please contact Donna Kochanski or Lisa Bender.

CMIA Play Group: Carrollton Manor parents and preschoolers are invited to a neighborhood playgroup to play, mingle and meet. Join our inaugural meeting to provide input and help us reach our growing neighborhood families. Word of mouth and encouragement is essential so be a neighbor and tell a neighbor! For more details, including location, and to be added to our contact list please email Sarah Petsky at SPETSKY@YAHOO.COM. Include your name, phone number, email and the first name and ages of your children. A detailed reminder including location will be emailed the week preceding the playgroup. Mark your calendars now!!

Evening Volleyball: Hillbottom Beach is the place to be on Friday Nights!! Come on down for **FAMILY FUN FRIDAYS!** Tailgating, music, tetherball, horseshoes and, of course, **VOLLEYBALL.** Fun and games for all ages. Come join your neighbors and friends for the best night of the week in Carrollton Manor! If you would like to help coordinate, contact **Bo Dant at 410-544-9556.** Come out and have some fun.

Annual Community Picnic: The CMIA COMMUNITY PICNIC will be the second or third Saturday in September. Celebrate another wonderful summer of living in CMIA with your friends and neighbors. Music, food, games, prizes, swimming and FUN! No admission fee- FREE FUN- Food and drinks for sale cheap! Last year we had a blast- everyone should make a point to be there.

CMIA Book Club: Our Neighborhood book club is going strong. Our current selection is Right Place, Wrong Time by local resident R. Quejas-Risdon. The subtitle is Peacekeeping in Afghanistan, Sudan, Iraq and Somalia. It is a first-hand account of surviving warlords, the U.N. and other hazards. Our next meeting is June 12. If you are interested in attending, send an email to KA_Silva@verizon.net for directions and info.

Get Connected: Family-based events and community improvement projects are happening all over Carrollton Manor! Get connected and your family involved by becoming part of our growing email contact list. Send an email to CMIAKids@gmail.com to stay informed!

Classified Ads

Babysitter: Sydney Dennis, middle school honor roll student, lives in Carrollton Manor. Great with kids 3-12 yrs old. Plus my mom will drop me off and/or pick me up from your house, as needed. 443-618-3535 or selinadennis@hotmail.com

Heavy Lifting: Zubin Pancholi, SPHS student and aspiring US Marine currently benches 150lb. If you are cleaning out or re-arranging, I will lift the heavy stuff—one item or multiple items. No job too small. Call or text me at 443-510-5524.

Student residents of CMIA can submit a classified advertising dog-walking, baby-sitting or other service for free in The Eagle. Contact Carolyn Rogers at 410-279-3004 or Carri585@earthlink.net to submit your free ad. Limit 40 words per ad. Space is limited so act now.

Pier Ye, Pier Ye

It's that wonderful time of year when nautical hearts, young and old, long to return to the sea.

The Pier committee is happy to welcome back DON PRICE as Pier Chairman. Don has been an active member of CMIA for many years. His hard work, experience and dedication has helped make many of our community accomplishments possible..

Many thanks to Jamie Seger for all his hard work as last year's pier chairman and wish him the very best !!!!!

Wondering where you are on the Pier Wait List? We are trying to update Postings at our website:

www.CarrolltonManor.com Should you have any questions, or feel there are any discrepancies, please give Don a call for more information

Anyone interested in adding their name to the **Pier Slip Wait List**, fill out the application at www.CarrolltonManor.com and mail it to CMIA together with a check for \$25.00. In an effort to allow as many residents as possible to enjoy our community pier, **weekly sublets** will be made available again this season when possible. If interested, please contact **Don Price**

Trailer parking at Hillbottom Beach: All trailers must be parked on the left (hill) side of the parking lot. Please remember how very limited our parking is and be sure to back your trailer in as far as possible. Trailer parking is not permitted in those spaces that abut the beach. Move your boat or vehicle out of the ramp area promptly.

Volunteers: Thank you

As you enjoy a day at the beach, or drive by our CMIA properties, stop to notice the color. It's thanks to a group of wonderful residents, who outfitted with shovels and gloves, spent a Saturday beautifying our CMIA gardens with colorful flowers and plants. We used plants native to our area to optimize the gardens' benefit for our environment. Thanks to Severn **River Trading Plant Mart** on Ritchie Hwy for giving us a discount on many of the plants we purchased for our gardens. A **big** CMIA thank you, and round of applause, to **Roxanne, Ishi, Mary, Stacy, Ryan, Matthew, Makayla, Megan, Lenny, and Lisa** for working to keep our community great! Thanks to people like you, living in Carrollton Manor is getting better and better!!!!!! Watch our Gardens Bloom!!!!!!

Mother Nature thought she had the Easter Bunny fooled for this year's annual **Easter Egg hunt** sponsored by CMIA. Little did she know cunning Bunny would win in high fashion with a beautiful day of blue skies and sunshine. A solitary sandy puddle was the only evidence of Saturday's deluge that pushed the hunt to Sunday afternoon. Thirty kids, 300 eggs, and a special preschool hunt area and 10 minutes of running and screaming made for a fantastic afternoon. Thank you to **Cassie Bustamante, Jessica Butler and Sarah Petsky** for organizing, stuffing and playing Easter Bunny for an afternoon. We're looking forward to a bigger and badder hunt next Easter.

We had our **CMIA yard sale** on Sat. May 14TH. Treasures could be found through out the community. Thank you to everyone whom participated- we hope you all had a successful day. We set a community table at **'sign island'** that included information on recycling, composting and rainbarrels- all excellent ways to reduce pollution of the Severn River and Chesapeake Bay! Every little bit helps in saving our environment and everyone can chip in.

I hope you got a chance to stop by our **Plant Sale**. We also had a wonderful selection of plants available- flowers, herb, veggies, and plants **all on consignment from DEIHL'S PRODUCE** on Robinson Road. It was a fantastic way to beautify your garden and support CMIA.

Remember the generosity of our local businesses especially Doug DEIHL when you need plants, corn, or any other produce this summer and fall. Tell them you are a CMIA resident. Help support our local businesses!

Notes from the March 2011 Community Meeting

Treasurer's Report including account balances, expenditures and fund availability was presented and approved.

- Donna Kochanski is available to provide Notary Services to CMIA residents
- Reports were given on SRA, GSPC .
- Announcements were made of CMIA Spring community events including key day, yard and plant sale, planting and cleanup day, and pier work day
- Sara announced organization of CMIA Pre-school Play Group – for more info: CMIAKids@gmail.com
- Friday night Volleyball will begin in May. Watch for signs on sign island
- Community picnic will be in September and the date is TBD
- New guidelines are being developed for kayak rack due to some residents bringing large canoes and row boats taking up too much space in the rack and unattended/abandoned boats left on the ground
- Hillbottom Beach ramp bulkhead has been completed
- Need to address severe erosion at shore/pier area of Crab A Way
- Hillbottom Beach retaining wall has disintegrating timbers and is in need of repair or replacement.
- Issues related to the ramp slab gaps were discussed and a motion was approved for up to \$10k to fund a planning and environmental study
- MPT's Storm water Special mentioned CMIA as a community working to control erosion and improve water quality
- There was discussion on rebuilding a clubhouse on the old clubhouse property and Bo will lead investigating ideas
- Motion was approved for a protected community sign board for announcements
- Volunteers are needed for: two BOD positions starting in November, Security team, welcoming new residents, community events, GSPC, and SRA. We also need a volunteer for Website support

Community Announcements

Boat Rack Update: The annual raffle has been completed and the allotted 12 racks have been reserved for those who participated in the raffle. The community has discussed the future option of adding another small boat rack at Sunset Beach, if there is an interest. **There are still several kayaks/canoes 'illegally' chained/attached to the existing boat racks.** Some of these chained boats are obstructive and make it difficult for those using the boat racks to remove their boats for use. **If you have not been allotted a spot on the boat racks, then your kayak or canoe, is illegally 'parked' and will be removed.** If you find that your kayak or canoe has already been removed as of the date of this posting, please contact a Board member or Kristin Silva (443-254-3133) to re-claim it. All boats that have been removed will be returned to their owner when properly identified. **SPECIAL NOTE- Any boats left, or stored , in the woods or on the beach will be considered abandoned and removed on June 30th.**

We are working hard to make our community beautiful! **Do not park cars, or place signs, on the grass at our community properties.** These include all three beaches, the old clubhouse area, sign island, Hollywood/Arleigh, and the CMIA sign area on Benfield road. These areas show off the wonders of our great community- advertising for private business is not permitted. Take pride in living in Carrollton Manor! Help us keep our community nice for all residents

Please be sure to share the HOA information below with your realtor and title company.

Carrollton Manor is a Special Community Benefit District. The annual community HOA dues, currently \$150.00 annually, are billed automatically with your real estate property taxes, by Anne Arundel County. CMIA has no record of taxes due or paid. Only the County can provide further information about payments due. Please pass this information along in your sales process. This will eliminate unnecessary calls and possible delays in your closing.

Carrollton Manor Notes

It's summer in Carrollton Manor! This is the time of year when everyone comes out to play around the neighborhood. People are walking and biking; Kids are playing on the beach, swimming, and fishing. Families are picnicking and boaters are headed to the river. Please help everyone enjoy the season!!!!

HELP EVERYONE ENJOY THE FUN OF OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY!

Here are the Annual CMIA Summer Reminders

- We all love our pets, they are a part of our family. But sometimes even the best behaved pet can become overexcited, or protective when playing at a public space or around strangers and other pets. PLEASE.... if your dog can get too excited or become aggressive, keep them on a leash, and fully in your control. Dogs that jump or attack can scare small children, and other pets. Let's make sure everyone enjoys spending time outside with their families- two footed or four
- **Clean up after your pets!** CMIA provides dog waste bags at both beaches for your convenience. **Please use them.** Remember - children play on the grass and make castles in the sand where your pet may —gol. When you walk your pet carry a bag to pick up waste and dispose of it properly. Everyone is playing out and about and **NO ONE LIKES TO SMELL OR STEP IN SURPRISES.**
- If you are planning some time at any of our CMIA beach properties, please remember the beaches belong to everyone in the community. Please be considerate of others and share the grill and tables. Keep any Radios and music at off/low volume. Please be aware of your conversations and language as sound magnifies near water—and there are children around.
- If you are thinking of hosting a gathering or party at our beaches, please contact a member of the BOD. Hillbottom Beach is a very popular community destination on summer weekends. It is a small beach with a lot of users. **It is not available for exclusive private use** during the summer- especially on weekends. We also have Sunset Beach and Crabaway Pier available for your enjoyment. All gatherings must abide by the CMIA beach rules with respect and consideration of other beach goers and surrounding residents.
- Clean up any trash you bring - or see- from bottles to butts . Earn an extra gold star and pick up trash that was there before you arrived.
- Watch your children in the water- not all children are strong swimmers and rambunctious water play can be scary or dangerous.
- **ONLY** cars with CMIA parking stickers can park in the Hillbottom Beach lot- display your sticker on the windshield to avoid towing. Stickers and gate keys are available from Lillian Serio, 410-647-5450. Car pool or enjoy the walk to the beach. There is limited parking capacity. Be kind and leave space for everyone.
- Do not block access to the boat ramp, street, or parking lot entrance with cars trailers or beach furniture.
- **Please do not store any watercraft on the beach or in the woods overnight.** They help breed insects and can be a safety hazard. Unattended boats will be considered abandoned- and removed by CMIA without notice.
- **Remember to close the black gate and ramp gate** – Hillbottom Beach has a history of being a party spot. Not everyone will respect our beach as we do - vandalism and property trashing is costly to everyone.
- The sandy hill at Hillbottom Beach is eroding badly- climbing and playing on the hill is causing further damage. **Please stay off the hill.**
- If you have a gathering at your house, please **encourage your guests to park well off the roadway** and not block the roads or parking for your neighbors. Our roads are tight- and everyone needs to have easy passage. Drive carefully through our narrow streets and look out for people and pets that may not be looking out for you.

AND MOST IMPORTANT.....ENJOY THE SEASON!!!!!!

Our Environment

□ CMIA participates in the Adult Mosquito control spraying provided by AA Co. It is most effective when combined with community residents cleanup efforts to reduce availability of breeding grounds. If you do not want to participate in the program, you must file an application with the County. Applications are available thru the CMIA website or contact the MD Dept. of Agriculture Program Supervisor at 410 841 5870.

**Mosquito Spraying will begin in June, one night per week, between 7 PM and 7 AM.
Days and Times for spraying will be posted on the CMIA website when available.**

Tips to Rid Your Yard and Community of Mosquito Breeding Sites

1. Clean rain gutters to allow water to flow freely.
2. Remove old tires or drill drainage holes in tires used for playground equipment.
3. Store plastic wading pools inside or turn them upside down when not in use.
4. Turn over or remove clay pots and plastic containers. Turn wheelbarrows upside down when stored outside.
5. Dispose of all empty beverage containers, plastic wrappers, discarded toys, etc.
6. Check for trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps used to cover boats, pools, etc. Arrange the tarp to drain the water. Replace water in bird baths at least twice a week.
7. Pump out bilges in boats. Turn canoes and small boats upside down for storage.
8. Remove pet food and water dishes that are not being used.
9. Don't leave garbage can lids lying upside down. Be sure water does not collect in the bottom of garbage cans.
10. Flush water in the bottom of plant holders twice a week.
11. Fix dripping outside water faucets.
12. Check around do-it-yourself improvements to ensure that proper backfilling and grading prevent drainage problems. If ditches do not flow and contain stagnant water for one week or longer, they can produce large numbers of mosquitoes.

Contact the Mosquito Control Section of the Maryland Department of Agriculture for additional assistance or advice.

Help keep our neighborhood, the Severn River and the Chesapeake Bay Clean!

Remember the Decomposition Rate for Trash:

Styrofoam cup 50 years Plastic bag 10—20 years
 Tin can 50 years Paper 2.5 months
 Cigarette Butt 10—12 years Disposable Diaper 75 years
 Apple core 2 months Orange or banana peel - 2 to 5 weeks
 Beer can 200—500 year Glass bottle one million years
 Paper towel 2—4 weeks Monofilament fishing line 600 years
 Plastic beverage bottle 450 years Aluminum can 80 –200 years

Please remember how long these items may stick around- the next time you see a bit of litter or trash- please pick it up.

The effects of storm water run-off has a dramatic effect on Severn River and Chesapeake Bay. There are many erosion control and storm water management techniques including rain gardens and bio-retention gardens available for all areas. If you are interested in having your property evaluated for more effective run-off management, contact Retta Barkley at 410.591.0910.

Security

Carrollton Manor's Security Team is recruiting volunteers to join us in helping to keep our community safe to walk through, drive through, and park. All that is required to join is a commitment of *any* amount of time you are able to patrol through the neighborhood and give us an extra set of eyes watching out for the benefit of all residents. Please call Donna Kochanski at 410 544 0008 or email at momdmk@aol.com if you are interested. We thank you in advance!

If you see a criminal activity in progress, please call 911 and report it immediately and be prepared to give details. If it is not urgent, please contact Sgt. Newman at 410-222-6145. She is our Police & Community Together (PACT) representative.

Beach parking will again be monitored daily for vehicles without a parking sticker. Please contact Lillian Serio at 410 647 5450 (evenings) to purchase one! We leave —reminder notices! under windshields on the first offense, and by the third offense, **your vehicle may be towed.**

New this year: we will also put —reminder notices! on vehicles parked on community property, or vehicles parked that do not allow emergency vehicles to get through a street. This is very important as it could cost a life if delays are encountered due to irresponsible parking! The Anne Arundel County Police would handle towing in the event it is necessary.

The CMIA budget includes private security paid to an Anne Arundel County police officer. **From our officer:** Please keep your vehicles locked at all times. Also, keep your garage doors closed and your home doors locked. The warmer weather brings an increase in petty crimes and burglaries due to opportunity! Don't let it be you

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CMIA Community Meetings

Important Dates:

The next Community Meeting
will be held on
Tuesday, June 7th
at 7:00 PM
at the Severna Park Baptist Church
Benfield Blvd

Fall meeting is
Sept. 6th
7pm at Severna Park Baptist Church
See you there.
