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Highlights from December 2, 2014 CMIA Meeting

- CMIA welcomes Jay Main to BOD!
- Beth presented the proposed 2016 CMIA SCBD Budget, Budget was approved, and will be sent to the county.
- Lisa reported on updates from GSPC. GSPC has been watching several proposed high density housing developments planned for the area. The intent of their concern is to try to ensure future development conforms to the SP Small area plan and does not dramatically change the landscape of Severna Park with apartment complexes and townhouse developments.
- Old Benfield Road is scheduled to close June-Sept 2015 for Shipley's Dam Repairs. Watch for signs.
- Speed limits will be lowered on Evergreen Rd near Benfield Elementary school. Restrictions on right hand turns from Benfield onto Evergreen may be extended.
- Lisa presented the engineering drawings for the HillBottom Beach Project, along with one quote (more to be obtained) for the work. Motion approved to proceed with project, not to exceed \$40,000.00.
- Suggestion made to install fence along Emerson to stop people from dumping in woods.
- Lisa shared information regarding the ongoing Club House Project. Before rebuilding designs can be investigated, we need to find out if the county will allow us to rebuild a clubhouse. An engineered site development plan address current building requirements are needed by the county. Motions were approved to proceed with the project with funding not to exceed \$15,000.00 to develop engineering plans. Updates will be presented as known.
- Spring projects will involve replanting Crab Away's new Living Shoreline and beach area.
- Bo reported on another fantastic CMIA picnic!!!! It was a wonderful day of fun, food and dancing to "Epsteins Mother".

Upcoming Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 PM

Severna Park Baptist Church

- **Project Updates**
 - Crab Away Pier/Beach
 - Hill Bottom Beach Projects
 - Club House Property
- **Committee Reports and Updates**
 - Local Area Activities
 - Future Community Project Ideas
 - Spring CMIA Events

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Spring Reminders

It's finally spring! If you are like me, you are staring out the window and making plans for yard and garden work.

CMIA will be beautifying our community properties on April 28th and we will be continuing to focus on using "Native Plants" [see summer 2014 Eagle article for more info] and hope others will adopt Native Plants in their Gardening Plans.

Another way to make gardens, and yards, more "Bay friendly" is by removing "Invasive Plants" allowing more beneficial plants to flourish in your garden.

What are Invasive plants?

Invasive plants are "non-native" plants that grow aggressively and can crowd out or destroy existing or more beneficial vegetation. Some of the plants, now classified as invasive, started out as ornamental plants, but have now spread to the point of becoming destructive and offer little to improve your garden or yard.

Some examples of invasive plants in our area are: Bamboo, English ivy, Kudzu vines, Tree-of-Heaven, and Phragmites. These plants spread aggressively, smother out, [and kill,] other plants, and have little beneficial qualities. Removing invasives after they have become established can be a long and repeating process, but will benefit your yard when accomplished.

Carrollton Manor has been working to remove invasive plants on our community properties, particularly at our beaches. Hopefully this will allow our more beneficial Native Plants to thrive and flourish, not only keeping our gardens beautiful----but supporting the Severn River!

For information on Invasive Plants- Here are some excellent references:

- **Plant Invaders of the Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas—**
<http://www.nps.gov/plants/ALIEn/pubs/midatlantic/index.htm>
- **Invasive Species in Maryland—**
[http://www.mdinvasivesp.org/Invasive Species in Maryland MISC.pdf](http://www.mdinvasivesp.org/Invasive_Species_in_Maryland_MISC.pdf)
- **Maryland Invasive Plants Prevention and Control—**
http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/maryland_invasive_plants_prevention_and_control.aspx
- **Invasive Plants of the Mid-Atlantic—**
<http://www.epa.gov/reg3esd1/garden/invasives.htm>
- **Invasive Plant Control in Maryland—**
http://www.mdflora.org/resources/publications/control_of_invasive_plants.pdf

If you are looking for Beautiful Plants for your garden this spring, come to the CMIA Table on May 2nd! We will be set up on "Sign Island", and selling lots of plants, flowers, veggies and herbs. We plan on having a selection of 'native plants' and grasses, as well as information on how everyone can chip in to help the Severn River with 'Bay Friendly' landscaping.

All proceeds from the CMIA sales go into the community social event fund.

Interested in keeping your kayak at the Hillbottom Beach racks?

Names will be taken for the slip lottery on Key Day, March 14th, and the March 3rd CMIA Community Meeting. Slip usage is from May 1- Dec 1. Boats must fit properly on the rack, and be used and maintained.

Please remember the kayak rack is not for boat storage, but to help more people enjoy the wonders of living here. Winners will be notified after the April BOD meeting.

Drive Carefully!

Drive carefully in and out of our community! There has been some concerns of cars speeding past bus stops or driving aggressively. We have lots of children- tall and small - gathering at our street corners, waiting for buses or walking to school. Our streets are narrow! Please drive with care and respect everyone who needs to share our roads.



SPMS School Bus Committee

Concerned about your current or future middle schooler walking to and from school?

Carrollton Manor resident Jen Davis is organizing a committee to investigate getting a school bus for CMIA middle school students.

Some of our kids are walking 1.4 or more miles to the middle school without sidewalks. Many Carrollton Manor roads are busy and become increasingly dangerous during daylight savings.

For more information or to join the committee, contact Jen at 443-699-0145 or join the "I live in Carrollton Manor" Facebook group.



CMIA is on Facebook!

Join the group "I live in Carrollton Manor" for community updates, to meet new friends, and get to know your neighbors.

CMIA's new website is live!

Thanks to resident Steve DiMauro for all of his hard work on the newly redesigned and user friendly Carrollton Manor website. We will be continuing to upgrade and improve.

Visit the new www.carrolltonmanor.com today!

CMIA Family Events

- **Movies Under the Stars:** The first CMIA "Movies Under the Stars" was held on Oct. 4th, at Hill Bottom Beach. Everyone enjoyed watching "Hotel Transylvania" on blankets under the starry, beautiful night. A fire pit for roasting marshmallows and lots of fun and games made for a wonderful family fun night! Look for info about future "Movies Under the Stars" nights at Sign Island.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday Mar. 28th from 2:00—4:00pm—Please join us for our annual CMIA kids Easter Egg Hunt at Hillbottom Beach. Crafts, games, and egg hunting fun for ages 2-10. Please contact Jen Davis at 443-699-0145 if you want to help organize.
- **Ideas for more events?** Come to the March community meeting with more ideas to keep the kids entertained!

Watch for more information at Sign Island, the "I live in Carrollton Manor" Facebook group, or contact Jen Davis.

Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Community Events

March 3rd at 7:00pm—March Community Meeting:

At the Severna Park Baptist Church on Benfield Blvd. See the upcoming agenda on the front page. Feel free to come with any important community related questions, concerns, or ideas as well as meet some new neighbors.

March 14th from 9am—12noon—CMIA Key Day –

At the Severna Park Baptist Church on Benfield Blvd. CMIA keys and parking stickers are valid for the 2014-2015 seasons. New CMIA residents are encouraged to get your keys and parking stickers.

March 10th at 6:30pm—CMIA Book Club Meeting—

Our next selection is Orphan Train by Christine Baker Kline. Anyone is welcome and if you are interested, please contact Kristin Silva at ka_silva@verizon.net for more details.

March 28th 2:00-4:00- CMIA Easter Egg Hunt—

Celebrate spring at HillBottom Beach! Bring the kids, aged 2-10, and their baskets down to the beach for an afternoon of FUN. Crafts, games and, of course, an Easter egg hunt! Contact Jen Davis- 443-699-0145 for more information. Details will also be on the CMIA Facebook page..."I live in Carrollton Manor." Contributions and bunny helpers are always welcome!

April 25th—Community Beautification Work Day—

Call for participation: Grab your gloves, shovels and community pride! This is a great event for all ages and a way to help school age kids understand the value of community spirit. We will be planting lots of native plants and flowers for everyone to enjoy all summer long! Activities may include some light debris removal, weeding and planting flowers at our community properties.. Contact Lisa Bender 410.544.4874 for more information. Can't participate on work day? Consider taking a family "trash" walk around the neighborhood and collecting trash along the way

May 2nd from 8am-2pm—Annual Community Yard & Plant Sale—Call for participation:

Either set up at your house or join us near Sign Island at the old clubhouse property. We will advertise in the papers and put out signs. We will have two community tables at Sign Island: a plant table and a white elephant table filled with your donations. Dividing your perennials this year? Cleaning out the garage? Donate your extras to CMIA. All proceeds from the CMIA tables will go into the CMIA Social funds. If you plan to have a yard sale that day, you can register your location on the website or send an email to Carri585@earthlink.net. We will be handing out a list of participating homes.

June 3rd at 7:00pm—June Community Meeting: At the Severna Park Baptist Church on Benfield Blvd. The agenda will be in the Summer 2015 news-letter.

TBD—Community and Pier Work Day: Details TBA

TBD—CMIA Annual Community Picnic: This annual fun-filled event will be scheduled for September 2015.

2014's picnic was a blast....good food, rocking mu-sic, great prizes, fantastic friends! Start looking for-ward to the fun now! Details in the next newsletter. If you would like to help coordinate this annual event, please come to the March community meeting with your ideas. See you there!

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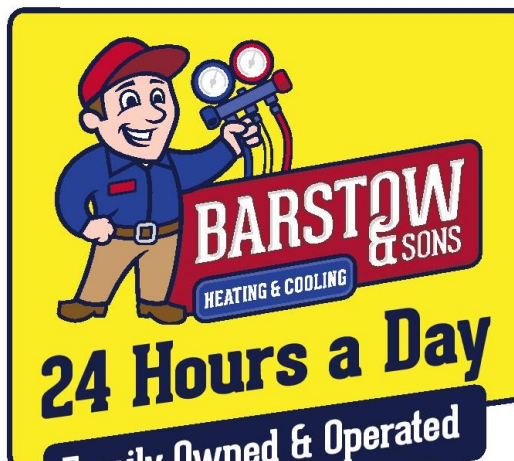
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**CMIA is Proud to be Helping the Severn River and Chesapeake Bay
by Installing a 'Living Shoreline' at our Crab Away Pier Property**

Living Shorelines are a creative and proven approach to protecting tidal shorelines from erosion. Traditionally many waterfront property owners have installed hard bulkheads as a way to control erosion. However, recent research has found that hardened edges along the Bay and its rivers, while helpful for erosion control in areas of high wave action, such as along the Bay, are helping to reduce natural shoreline habitat that fish and other marine animals depend on for food and shelter.

Over use of structural shore erosion controls, termed "Hardened Shorelines," can actually increase beach and shore erosion and destroy shallow water habitats when wave energy is constantly reflected back. Allowing wave energy to slow, cool, and the sediment to settle is important to maintaining the continued improvement of our waterways.

Installing a 'Living Shoreline' instead of a 'Bulkhead' is one way all waterfront property owners can pitch in to help improve the Severn River and living along the Chesapeake Bay. A 'Living Shoreline' can protect their property and contribute to improving the wonderful area we love.

Living shorelines use a combination of rocks, stabilization materials, such as 'Filtrexx logs', and plants to provide stabilization of shorelines with erosion control, while allowing the shoreline to retain its dynamic nature and habitat features. Marsh grasses provide shallow water habitat and the deep root systems and dense foliage help reduce wave action and hold soil in place. Using native plants along the shoreline, provides habitat for wildlife, and further supports the ecosystem recovery.

CPF and DNR provides the following information on the benefits of installing 'Living shorelines':

- **Improves** water quality by settling sediments and filtering pollution; **reduces erosion**— the deep root systems of marsh grasses, shrubs, and trees absorb stormwater and help to stabilize shorelines.
- **Allows** wave energy to slow, cool, and the sediment to settle - this is important to maintaining the continued improvement of our waterways.
- **Provides** shoreline access to wildlife, Increasing habitat—Marsh grasses, trees, shrubs, provide habitat for fish, mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and insects. These diverse creatures are essential for a healthy Bay ecosystem. Healthy shorelines can provide a safe haven for young and spawning fish, crabs, and birds in shallow water.
- **Provides** shallow water habitat and a diversity of plant species for aquatic and terrestrial animals.
- **Provides** shade to keep water temperatures cool, helping to increase oxygen levels for fish and other aquatic species.
- **Looks natural** rather than man-made and artificial; and absorbs wave energy so that reflected waves do not scour the shallow sub-tidal zone and hamper the growth of underwater grasses; and is often less costly than wooden bulkheads and rock walls (also known as "revetments").
- **Minimizes pollution**—Naturally vegetated shorelines act as buffers to filter and absorb nutrients, such as nitrogen and phosphorus from upland landscapes, which can severely reduce water quality and available habitat.
- **Cleans air**—Dust, ammonia, carbon dioxide, and other airborne pollutants that can be hazardous to human health, can be trapped by trees and other plants.
- **Provides a sense of place and privacy**— A natural landscape can provide spaces to relax and enjoy the outdoors.

More information on the benefits of "Living ShoreLines" can be found at:

www.cbf.org/livingshorelines

www.dnr.state.md.us/ccs/livingshorelines.asp.

Classified Ads

Lawn Mowing: Busy schedule leaving no time to mow your lawn? Going on vacation and need your lawn mowed? Call Tyler Blue for all your lawn mowing needs. 410-972-5369

Babysitting: Need a babysitter? Call Kamryn Eveleth! Red Cross trained and responsible 8th grader will watch ages 3 and up. Call 410-544-5803

Babysitting: I am a 9th grade Honor Student at SPSHS. I have completed The Red Cross Babysitting CPR Course and am available on weekends to watch children. If you are in need of weekend care, please contact me, Mackenzie Clayton, @ 443 822 3880.

Student residents of CMIA can submit classified advertising services for free in the Eagle. Contact Asahi at asahieveleth@gmail.com to submit your free ad. Space is limited so act now.

Suspicious Activity?

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. Sgt. Newman at 410-222-6145. He is our Police and Community Together (PACT) representative.

If the problem involves a vehicle, have a description of the vehicle, such as make, model, color and the license plate ready. If the problem involves a residence, have the street address when reporting the situation.

The Anne Arundel County Police Department is committed to working with us, and we hope to become more involved in the Police Community Relations Council as well.

CMIA Community properties are continuing to be worked on— We hope everyone is enjoying the improvements!

The 'Living Shoreline' at Crab Away Pier has finally been installed! We are working on removing the invasive vegetation- bamboo and ivy- that has been chocking out the sunshine and other plants on the property. This spring we will be working to replant the area with 'native plants, shrubs, and flowers' that will continually beautify the area, help support the Severn River ecosystem health, and provide habitat for wildlife. We will also be looking at ways to reduce and [hopefully] control some of the runoff erosion coming from the top of the property. Crab Away is a wonderful community property, that is often underused, hopefully improvements will make it a more attractive community area to enjoy.

Options for the old community clubhouse property are continuing to be investigated. We will keep you informed of information as it is learned. This is another project that has been in "works" for many years. We will continue to gather your ideas as what the community envisions for this area, and keep you informed of the information we learn.

We are also continuing to work at Hill Bottom beach- investigating ways to control [and minimize] storm-water runoff and erosion that is contributing to loss of CMIA property and pollution of the Severn River. We have removed a lot of invasive vegetation from the sandy hill above the parking lot [covered by a AACo. VMP], and have plans to replant with 'Native' shrubs, trees and plants that are specifically recommended for hill stabilization and erosion control. We are working with a local engineer- Gamma Engineering- to finalize plans. This is very exciting, since Hill Bottom Beach has been an area of concern for many years. We hope to begin work on the project this spring. We will continue to keep you updated on plans.



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Slip holders: Renew your 2015 contracts on April 21, Don will be contacting you with more info. As a reminder, slip contracts commence on April 1st and expire on March 31st.. Also, if you plan on either giving up or not using your slip this year, please call Don Price at 410-236-9807 at your earliest convenience.

Pier Slips Waiting List: To add your name to the Pier Slip Waiting List, fill out the application found at www.CarrolltonManor.com and bring it to Key Day or mail it to CMIA, P.O. Box 1104, Severna Park, MD 21146 with a check for \$25.00. Please include a working phone number as we will need to call you. Postings continue to be updated on a regular basis.

Weekly sublets will be made available again this sea-son when possible, *on a first-come, first serve basis*. Please contact Don Price with any questions.

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.

Do not store a boat on the beach! Boats left on the beach and in the woods are not only an eye sore, but a potential danger to children and pets as well as a breeding ground for in-sects and rodents. Unattended boats will be considered abandoned and reported to DNR for removal.

ATTENTION BOATERS: Save 50% off regular Annual BOAT U.S. Dues!

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Summer Meeting: Jun. 2, 7:00pm

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