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## CMIA COMMUNITY PICNIC

Mark your calendars now!!

# \*Sat. SEPT. 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm until we're tired at Hillbottom Beach

Come out and join your friends and neighbors for

beach fun, music, and memories!!!!!!

Door prizes.....50/50 raffle.....Dancing.....the CMIA gator....and....VOLLEYBALL!!!!!

Come down to see a AA Co. Fire truck from Earleigh Heights Fire Dept from 2:00-3:30pm

Bring your favorite side dish, or desert, to share and your own lawn chairs. **No admission fee**- grilled food, sodas, beer and wine available at minimal costs [cash and checks only please]

All children under 13 must be accompanied by a parent.

Last year we had a blast! - don't miss out on the fun this year!!!!!

Boat Ramp and beach will be closed from 12:00 noon until 6:00pm for the community festivities. Parking will be very limited. Please consider carpooling or enjoy a walk to the beach.

For more information or to volunteer -Contact Bo Dant-410-544-9556

\*Rain date—Sat. Sept 17<sup>th</sup>

# **Upcoming Meeting Agenda**

# Tuesday, Sept 6, 2011 7:00 PM at the

# Severna Park Baptist Church Benfield Road

Have questions about crime in our area??? Wonder what you can do to help prevent crime??? Come to the **Sept. 6**<sup>th</sup> **CMIA meeting—Guest Speaker: Sgt. Newman, AA Co. PACT** [Police and Communities Together] Unit will be available to speak to all your concerns

- Video on the early days of Carrollton Manor
- Committee and project updates
- Project Ideas

All residents are encouraged to come. Help us continue to improve life in Carrollton Manor!

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#### Mark Your Calendar

**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.

<u>Get Connected:</u> Learn about community events and receive alerts through our new email distribution. Email Sarah Petsky at <u>CMIAKids@gmail.com</u> to be added to the list. Please specify if you want to be included in the kids' activities distribution.

Halloween Festivities: This year Trick-Or-Treat is Monday October 31rst! Warm-up those tricks with a little community kids fun on Sunday October 30th at Sunset Beach. Festivities will begin shortly after 3pm and a special treat will be waiting for those in costume. RSVPs are encouraged to maximize party supplies. Email Sarah Petsky at <a href="mailto:CMIAKids@gmail.com">CMIAKids@gmail.com</a> to receive reminders and weather related updates.

**Evening Volleyball:** Hillbottom Beach is the place to be on Friday Nights!! Come on down for **FAMILY FUN FRI-DAYS!** 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.

*CMIA Book Club:* Our Neighborhood book club is going strong. Our current selection is The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks. Our next meeting is Sept 25 at 4pm. If you are interested in attending, send an email to KA Silva@verizon.net for directions and to get on the email list.

# 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:**

CMIA needs you!

**Do you have website skills.....**we need someone to manage our CMIA website. If you are interested please contact Lisa or Paul Harris

We need people to represent us at the GSPC [Greater Severna Park Council] and the SRA [Severn River Association]

There are also community events such as the Community Picnic and the Halloween Party and committees that can always use your support.

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!

#### **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 180lb. 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.

# **Notes from the March 2011 Community Meeting**

- Treasurer's Report including account balances, expenditures and fund availability was presented and approved.
- Volunteers are needed to help keep our community moving and improving. See pg 3 for more details
- Remember to lock your cars to prevent theft and crimes of opportunity
- Hillbottom beach is a popular destination for everyone, but it has very limited parking.

We've had reports of people from outside our community using our beaches, parking area and ramp - residents must accompany all guests

Only cars with CMIA stickers should be parked at the beach- Car pool or walk, if possible. Towing and electronic gates have been suggested

- This summer's mosquito spraying is on Thursday Nights
- Operation ClearWater testing results are available on the Severn River Assoc.[SRA] Website
- Information on the CMIA Children's playgroup is available at cmiakids@gmail.com
- The pier's open slips are being reassigned. Sublets and weekly sublets are available when possible-contact Don Price for information
- THE CMIA COMMUNITY PICNIC WILL BE SAT. SEPT. 10<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm -??? Contact Bo Dant for information
- Our community Yard Sale was damp, but still resulted in \$117.00 of plant and treasure sales........ Here's to next year!
- Community projects- water spigots, living shoreline,- were updated
- The Severn River Narrows is being reviewed for permanent, not just weekend, 6 knot- no wake-speed limit
- A swim platform that is appearing along the shoreline, and enjoyed by swimmers, is private, not CMIA property, and must be used at own risk
- There are many organizations and learning opportunities available to help communities improve. We try to provide information whenever we learn of them

# **Community Announcements**

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**

Another fun summer is coming to an end. School will be starting soon and we will be watching our younger residents head off to school. PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY and be extra cautious near all bus stops. Please help everyone enjoy the season!!!!

#### HELP EVERYONE ENJOY THE FUN OF OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY!

- Autumn leaves are pretty when still on the trees but after they fall, they do become a nuisance.
   Please, dispose of yard waste properly. Do not DUMP your leaves and yard waste on community property or in the woods! Also, be considerate of your neighbors and don't blow leaves off your lawn into the street or another yard.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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. 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, Sept 6th
at 7:00 PM
at the Severna Park Baptist Church
Benfield Road

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