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## **A note from our President:**

Dear Carrollton Manor Residents,

HELLO CMIA!! It is almost spring and if you think like me, you are longing to get outside to play. Please look inside this issue for some important community announcements. You'll also find news about the following upcoming community events such as the annual CMIA key day, yard and plant sale, and Easter egg hunt. We are also currently planning for the community beautification/planting day.. Volunteers are always needed. More details are inside. Additionally, we are thinking about entering a float in the annual Severna Park July 4th parade — we just need people to organize it. Plan on coming to the next community meeting to learn about and/or volunteer for any of these activities.

**\*\*Please-** all our community activities, projects and events need your support. The Board is only a handful of people and we are trying to keep the "Improvement" in C-M-I-A , but **WE NEED YOU** to be successful. **\*\***

As winter warms up into spring- we have the 'ever repeated' reminders: Do a little bit to clean up some winter waste around the neighborhood. **DRIVE SAFE AND SLOW** - watch out for all our residents — small and tall — that are starting to come out and play. Help to keep Carrollton Manor a safe and happy place to live. I look forward to seeing you at the March 4th meeting.

*Lisa Bender*  
*CMIA President*

## **Upcoming Meeting Agenda Tuesday, March 4 at 7:00 PM Severna Park Baptist Church**

- **KEY DAY – SAT. MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Important:** All keys, parking stickers, and locks to be changed
- **UPDATES ON COMMUNITY PROJECTS:**
- **HILLBOTTOM BEACH IDEAS**
- **CRAB AWAY PIER**
- **NEW CLUB HOUSE**
- **SPRING COMMUNITY EVENTS**
- **BUDGET UPDATE**

## **Important CMIA Reminder**

**Spring is on it's way!** With that said, yard waste and tree trimmings should be composted or placed at the curb for pick up, not dumped on CMIA Community Property. You may think it is only leaves, but it builds up into debris and becomes trash.

We have been working hard to beautify our neighborhood. Anything dumped on East Drive, Severn Rd, Park Rd, and the woods at Hillbottom can become our responsibility to cleanup.

The community has had to deal with, and **sometimes pay for**, the removal of leaves, yard trash, and tree branches on community property or in the woods.

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## CMIA Key and Parking Sticker Day Saturday March 8th

9:00am - 12:00pm

Severna Park Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
506 Benfield Rd.

**All CMIA gate keys and parking stickers will expire this year!**

**New keys and parking stickers will be good for 2 years. All community property locks will be changed on May 1, 2014. To avoid being locked out of Hillbottom Beach, the boat ramp & pier, as well as CrabAway Pier, please make every effort to stop by.**

This year the application is included in this newsletter (see facing page) to expedite the process. Please bring all necessary paperwork and documentation to Key Day.

### **Gate Keys & Parking Stickers**

- ☐ Complete in full the application on page 3
- ☐ Bring car registration w/tag info, for each vehicle receiving a parking sticker (max. 3 p/household)
- ☐ Proof of Carrollton Manor Community residency/property ownership is required (see below)
- ☐ Checks payable to CMIA only would be appreciated.
- ☐ Parking stickers are required only to park your car at Hillbottom Beach

The cost for CMIA keys remain the same:

Black gate keys: [Hillbottom Beach/Crabaway pier] --\$5.00

Boat ramp — \$20.00

Parking stickers — \$1.00

**Please try to get your keys now** - after key day, keys will be available only at CMIA community meetings or by appointment only. Appointments can arranged by calling Lillian Serio at 410-647-5450, ONLY on weekday evenings between 6:00pm- 9:00pm. Please do not call at other times.

You will need to **bring your driver's license or a form of ID** as proof of Carrollton Manor residency. You will also need to **bring your car registration** showing your tag number for purchase of stickers.

### **Canoe Rack Lottery**

Applications for the canoe rack lottery will be available at the upcoming March 4th Community Meeting and on Key Day at the Severna Park Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Canoes and watercraft without an assigned slip or rack will be considered "abandoned" and will be removed from any community properties. Once assigned a rack, all canoes must be secured when not in use.

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**THIS INFORMATION AND PROOF OF RESIDENCY IS MANDATORY TO OBTAIN A STICKER OR KEYS**

## PARKING STICKER

I \_\_\_\_\_, a **resident** of Carrollton Manor,

have agreed to pay \$ 1.00 for a parking sticker. I further agree this sticker will be used only for the vehicle listed below:

**Parking Sticker Number**

**Tag Number**

**Make/Model/Color**


## **BLACK GATE or BOAT RAMP KEY(S)**

I \_\_\_\_\_, a **resident** of Carrollton Manor, have agreed to pay \$ 5.00 annual fee (per key), for the gates to **Hillbottom and Crabaway Pier.**

I \_\_\_\_\_, a **resident** of Carrollton Manor, have agreed to pay \$ 20.00 annual fee (per key) for the **boat ramp key #** \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the immediate family members who will have use of the key(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

GATE KEY NUMBERS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ As a resident of Carrollton Manor, this key is to be used only by members of my household. I, or members of my family, will not give the key to a guest *or any nonresident of CMIA* ; thus members of my household **must** be present *at all times* during the use of the facilities.

\_\_\_ As a non-resident property owner of Carrollton Manor, this key is to be used only by members of my household. I, or members of my family will not give the key to a guest; thus members of my household **must** be present during the use of the facilities,

**I will lock the gate immediately upon entering or exiting the facility any time between May 1 and September 30 of this year.**

**I will lock the gate immediately after launching or pulling my water craft.**

**I understand that the privileges to use the Carrollton Manor recreational facilities will be revoked if I do not adhere to the above rules and other rules posted on the facilities. Keys may be confiscated, by either, a member of the CMIA Board of Directors or a member of the Security Patrol. Upon notification you must return all keys immediately.**

TOTAL        \$\_\_\_\_.00

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address in Carrollton Manor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address if (property owner non-resident)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Email- for community announcements*

## **Mark Your Calendar** **Upcoming Community Events**

**March 4th 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 8th from 9am—12noon—CMIA Key Day - All CMIA Gate Keys and Parking Stickers will change in 2014:** At the Severna Park Baptist Church on Benfield Blvd. Gate locks are scheduled to be changed on May 1st. Please see pages 2 and 3 for more information and an application.

**March 11th at 7:00pm—CMIA Book Club Meeting:** Our current selection is **Still Life with Bread Crumbs** by Anna Quinlen. Anyone is welcome and if you are interested, please contact Kristin Silva at [ka\\_silva@verizon.net](mailto:ka_silva@verizon.net) for more details.

**April 26th—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. Activities may include 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. Let us know what you or your family did at [CMIAkids@gmail.com](mailto:CMIAkids@gmail.com) and we'll include you in our next newsletter.

**May 10th 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.** 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](mailto: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 upcoming agenda will be in the Summer 2014 newsletter.

**TBD—Community and Pier Work Day:** Details will be announced at Key Day.

**TBD—CMIA Annual Community Picnic:** This annual fun-filled event will be scheduled for September 2014. 2013's picnic was a blast....good food, rocking music, great prizes, fantastic friends!!! Start looking forward 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!

**CMIA Family Fun Nights:** Family friendly volleyball evenings will be returning this spring as soon as weather permits. Watch for details at Sign Island and join us. If you want to help, contact **Bo Dant** at 410-544-9556 but definitely come out and have some fun.

**CMIA Preschoolers' Playgroup:** If you are interested in taking over the CMIA Preschoolers Playgroup, please contact Beth Straub at [bifh@netscape.net](mailto:bifh@netscape.net). Beth will no longer be organizing the playgroup.

**Free Classified Ads for Teen Businesses:** Do you babysit, walk dogs, rake leaves, or mow lawns? Student residents of CMIA can submit a classified ad for free in

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**EVERYBODY CAN HELP SAVE OUR RIVER**  
***Come to the CMIA Annual Plant Sale on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>***

**We will have native plants for your garden, gardening and environmental information, compost bins, and rain barrels for sale at "Sign Island"**

Did you know that when you help to reduce your home's pollution contribution by reducing your property's impervious surfaces, planting a rain garden, or having a rain barrel, you can get a property tax credit?

More information can be found at: <http://www.aacounty.org/DPW/Highways/RainGarden.cfm>

**How to have a Severn River Friendly Yard:**

There are so many things you can do to help the Severn River.

**Rain Barrels**

Install a rain barrel under the gutter of your home to harvest rain water from your home's roof. This prevents stormwater, the number one pollutant, from entering the Severn River. Why is this important? There is an amazing amount of pollutant living on our roofs and during a rain storm, these pollutants are mixed with rain water and washed down into ditches and directly into the Severn River.

Did you also know that the lawn and garden uses 40% of household water during the growing season? A rain barrel will help reduce this usage! The water collected can be used for watering flower beds and gardens. If every CMIA household had two 50 gallon rain barrels each (CMIA has approximately 550 homes), 55,000 gallons of stormwater water pollutants would be prevented from entering the river.

The benefits of a rain barrel are:

- Conserving Water
- Prevention of contaminated stormwater from entering the Severn River
- Helps prevent erosion
- Helps prevent flooding
- Very pretty landscape feature
- Provides water for your plants and gardens.

To install a rain barrel, all you typically need is a 55 gallon drum rain barrel, a vinyl hose, PVC couplings, and a screen to keep our debris and insects (very important to keep our mosquito population down).

Rain Barrels can be purchased at major retailers like Ace Hardware, Sam's Club, Home Depot, Arlington Echo, Plow & Hearth, Amazon.com, and [Rainbarrel-source.com](http://Rainbarrel-source.com).



**Rain Gardens**

Rain Gardens are another very important way to help improve the water quality of the Severn River and Chesapeake Bay. Rain gardens beautiful functioning gardens that allows rain water runoff from impervious surfaces such as roofs, driveways, and parking lots to be absorbed. Rain gardens prevent stormwater from entering our waterways. Native Maryland plants are recommended for rain gardens because they do not require fertilizer and are already adapted to our climate and soil conditions. Additionally, native plants attract local wildlife.

In order to install a rain garden, the following checklist should be completed:

1. Check to see if a grading permit is needed for your property (greater than 5000 sq ft)
2. Test the Ph of your soil
3. Determine what type of soil amendments are needed, for example Leafgro
4. Dig and plant your garden

A rain garden should not take more than one to two days to install. More information can be found at the link above.

**Stormwater Management Tax Credits**

Did you know that you can use rain barrels and rain gardens as a tax credit? You must file for the tax credit within 45 days after installation. Check our the link above for

**Classified Ads**

**Babysitting:** Call Colby Carbo, 410-703-7925 or email [laxgirl27@yahoo.com](mailto:laxgirl27@yahoo.com). I am a National Junior Honor Society student at SPMS and long-time Carrollton Manor resident. My parents will help me with transportation to your home.

Student residents of CMIA can submit classified advertising services like dog-walking, baby sitting for free in the Eagle. Contact Asahi at [asahieveleth@gmail.com](mailto:asahieveleth@gmail.com) to submit your free ad.

Space is limited so act now.



## **Hillbottom Beach Beautification Program**

Hello CMIA Community!

My name is Stephanie Fleming and I have volunteered to be point person for suggestions and possible plans regarding the beautification of Hillbottom Beach. I am sure many of you have thought to yourself wouldn't it be nice if.....

Well here is your chance. Please send your responses to [CMIAkids@gmail.com](mailto:CMIAkids@gmail.com). The board will review recommendations. Thanks you for your support of the Carrollton Manor Community Association.

## **December CMIA Meeting Highlights**

- Residents were informed of the introduction of MD Bill #81-13 which, if passed, would allow building of townhomes and/or apartment buildings as well as commercial C1, C2, and C3 zoning and building (such as Waugh Chapel and Annapolis Town Center properties) within two miles of a 1,000,000 sq ft shopping center. Please see the following link for specific information: <http://www.aacounty.org/CountyCouncil/Resources/2013/81-13.pdf>
- Residents are encouraged to contact the Department of Public Works to report neighborhood potholes. More information can be found here: <http://www.aacounty.org/DPW/Highways/PotholeRepair.cfm>
- CMIA is currently looking for assistance or a volunteer to take over organizing the community picnic
- A proposal was introduced and accepted by meeting attendees to install new cameras at Hillbottom Beach for an estimated cost of \$6,500.

## **CMIA Security Update**

See Something, Say Something

Warmer weather is on it's way and with it come a few new security reminders:

Spring time is here and that means children in the streets playing, people walking dogs, and our residents out enjoying the weather after a very long winter! Please, please, pay attention to where you park your vehicle to allow all vehicles safe passage on our roads. Also, be sure you lock your vehicle each and every time you park it! No need to make it easy for a thief to help themselves to your belongings!

Beach time will be approaching and the same parking regulations are in effect. You **MUST** have a current parking sticker or your vehicle is subject to being towed!

Please notify me, or any Board Member if you need assistance. We are always looking for able bodies to help us keep our community safe. If you would like to help out, please call me, Donna Kochanski, at [410-544-0008](tel:410-544-0008) or email me, at [momdmk@aol.com](mailto:momdmk@aol.com). Thank you for your support of the CM Security Team !

Our community is very safe and the influx of new young families is adding a vibrant pulse to a wonderful place to live. Every house has a tool box for simple repairs and this information is part of your family's community toolbox.

**If you want to call the police and it is not urgent**, please contact Sgt. Newman at 410-222-6145. He is our Police & Community Together (PACT) representative.



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## Spring Reminders

CMIA works on projects that reduce our community's impact on the Severn River and the Bay. We have installed rain gardens, biologs, doggie depots, and use native plants in our garden areas. We continue to investigate current technologies and ideas designed to help improve the area we live in. There are several ways you can help:

**Plant natives:** Native plants occur naturally in the region in which they evolved. They have adapted to local soil, rainfall and temperature conditions and have developed natural insect defenses. Everything from bees to deer have evolved with the plants and they use the native plants as habitat and food.

**Fertilize with Compost:** Did you know that lawns are the biggest crop in the United States, taking up about 40 million acres? The nitrogen and phosphorus in water-soluble fertilizers can easily enter the river where they feed the algae. As over-abundant algae die off, they rob the water of oxygen, making it inhabitable for aquatic plants and animals. Proper use of fertilizers and compost is critical. Choose natural, organic fertilizers, or create your own organic compost to give your lawn the nutrients—and only those nutrients—it needs. The best alternative to water-soluble chemical fertilizers for your lawn is compost. You can make your own or purchase it from garden centers. A compost bin can be as simple as a pile of leaves left to decompose in a corner of your yard or it can be a purchased container made to speed up the decomposition process.

**Clean up Pet Waste:** Pet waste contains bacteria that contributes to unsafe water quality. Always pick up after your pet and dispose of the waste properly and responsibly.

**Don't Litter:** Always throw your trash away responsibly. Here are the decomposition rates for some of the most commonly thrown trash and litter:

- Styrofoam cup—50 years
- Plastic bag 10—20 years
- Aluminum can—80-200 years
- Paper—2.5 months
- Cigarette Butts—10—12 years
- Disposable Diaper—75 years
- Glass bottle—1 million years
- Paper towel—2-4 weeks
- Monofilament fishing line—600 years
- Plastic beverage bottle—450 years

Please remember how long these items may stick around.  
The next time you see litter or trash— PLEASE pick it up.

Thank our local businesses for their generosity support for our community. Let them know you are a CMIA resident when you buy from them.

The Community Newsletter is distributed quarterly. Send address corrections to [asahieveleth@gmail.com](mailto:asahieveleth@gmail.com). To be added to the CMIA Events email, send your email address to [CMIAkids@gmail.com](mailto:CMIAkids@gmail.com)

## Pier Ye, Pier Ye

On **Saturday, March 8, 2014** we will host **Key Day**—see pages 2 and 3 for more information.

**Slip holders:** Renew your 2014 contracts on Key Day. As a reminder, slip contracts commence on April 1st and expire on March 31st. **Please be sure to bring your boat registration and proof of insurance.** 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](http://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 season 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 insects and rodents. Unattended boats will be considered abandoned and reported to DNR for removal.

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**Next Meeting: Mar. 4, 7:00pm**

**Summer Meeting: Jun. 3, 7:00pm**

**S.P. Baptist Church, Benfield Rd.**

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