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## **Upcoming Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, March 6, 2012**

**7:00 PM at the**

**Severna Park Baptist Church**

**Benfield Road**

- ◆ Committee Updates
- ◆ Spring Community Events Reminder
- ◆ Security Update
- ◆ Clubhouse Exploration Committee Update

*All residents are encouraged to come.*

*Help us continue to improve life in Carrollton Manor!*

## **Dates to Remember**

**CMIA book Club March 4th at 4:pm** more details on page 2

**CMIA Key Day on March 10th:** see page 2 and 4 for details

**Easter Egg Hunt April 7th:** 3:00pm at Hillbottom Beach (rain date April 15th)

**Community Workday April 28** meet at 9:00 am at Hillbottom Beach. (rain date May 5th)

**Community Pier Workday April 28** meet at 9:00 am at Hillbottom Beach (rain date May 5th)

**Annual Community Green Yard Sale May 5th 8:00am** see page 2 for changes

**June Community Meeting June 5th at 7:00pm** at the Benfield Baptist Church on Benfield Road.

The Community Newsletter is distributed quarterly. Send address corrections to [Carri585@earthlink.net](mailto:Carri585@earthlink.net) or call 410-279-3004. Get more up-to-date announcements and reminders by subscribing to the **CMIA email distribution** at [CMIAkids@gmail.com](mailto:CMIAkids@gmail.com).

## **Dates to Remember: Details, Details**

**CMIA Key Day on March 10th** All CMIA gate keys and parking stickers will expire and locks will be changed on **May 1**. New keys and stickers will be available for sale on March 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 12 during our annual Key Day at the Severna Park Baptist Church on Benfield Road across from the east entrance. This year the application is on page 4 in this newsletter to expedite the process. Please bring all necessary paperwork and documentation to Key Day. If you cannot attend Key Day you may contact Lillian Serio at 410.647.5450. She has requested all payments be made by check and payable to CMIA. Keys and stickers will be good for 2 years.

### **Community Workday and Pier Workday**

**April 28** Grab your gloves, shovels and work ethic! This is a great event for all ages and a way to help school age kids understand the value of community. Activities include debris and trash removal, weeding and planting. 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 ([CMIAkids@gmail.com](mailto:CMIAkids@gmail.com)) and we'll include you in our next newsletter.

**Easter Egg Hunt April 7th:** Last year's hunt was a rain out on the first day but the second day brought the most beautiful weather and over 30 Carrollton Manor kids searched for over 300 eggs. Scheduling conflicts have pushed the 2012 event to Easter weekend with a rain date of the following Sunday both at 3:00pm. Look for posted signs and emails needing volunteers to make this year another success. Out of town houseguests are welcome to join in the fun. Contact Sarah Petsky at [spetsky@yahoo.com](mailto:spetsky@yahoo.com) for more information and to volunteer.

### **Annual Community Green Sale May 5th** a

week before Mother's Day—buy a plant for Mom: we plan to have natives, shoreline grasses, shade lovers. If you plan to participate, please note the following changes: We will use the CMIA website to promote the event in our print ads. If you have a yard sale that day, you can register your location and send pictures to post on the web. We would like to get a complete list of folks participating so that we can have a list to hand out. In addition to the plants and yard sale, we are branching out to promote green/recycling. Tentative plans include a master gardener on-hand to answer questions and an herbalist. If you want to have your own yard sale that day, you can either set up at your house or at the clubhouse lot. Be sure to register on the website or send your location to [Carri585@earthlink.net](mailto:Carri585@earthlink.net). Dividing your perennials this year? Cleaning out the garage? **Donate your extras to CMIA.** Call Carolyn at 410-279-3004 for pick up prior to the sale or any questions. Proceeds will go to replenish our social fund.

**CMIA Book Club** Our current selection is Many Lives, Many Masters. Our next meeting is March 4 at 4pm. Even if you don't read the book, join us for some lively conversation. One of our members is attending a seminar by the writer and will be able to add some depth to the discussion. Bring a snack to share. If you are interested in attending, send an email to [KA\\_Silva@verizon.net](mailto:KA_Silva@verizon.net) for directions and to get on the email list.

**CMIA Family Friday at Hillbottom:** Watch for the return of this popular Friday night event coming in June.

**CMIA Email Contact List:** To get on the email list, send your name, address and email address to [CMIAkids@gmail.com](mailto:CMIAkids@gmail.com)

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### **In Remembrance**

Longtime Carrollton Manor resident **Judge John "Jack" Underwood** died on January 21, 2012.

After a long battle with cancer **John J. Doyle** died in September 2011. He was known as Jack and Papa Jack and he is missed dearly by his family, friends and neighbors.

# Key Day & Canoe Rack Lottery 2012

**March 10**

**9:00am - 12:00pm**

**Severna Park Baptist Church**

**Fellowship Hall**

## Gate Keys & Parking Stickers

- ♦ Complete in full the application on page 4
- ♦ Bring registration for each vehicle receiving a parking sticker (maximum of 3)
- ♦ Proof of residency/property ownership required
- ♦ Checks made payable to CMIA
- ♦ Busy March 10th? Contact Lillian Serio 410-647-5450(checks only and payable to CMIA)
- ♦ Parking stickers are required only to park your car at Hillbottom.

## Canoe Rack Lottery

- ♦ Applications available at Key Day
- ♦ Canoes and watercraft without an assigned slip or rack will be considered “abandoned” and removed from any community properties.
- ♦ Once assigned a rack all ‘canoes’ must be secured when not in use.

### Register your May 5th Yard Sale at Key Day.

If you plan to have a yard sale on May 5th, you can register your location and send pictures to post on the web. We would like to get a complete list of folks participating so that we can have a list to hand out. You can always set up a table at the Clubhouse lot.

### Bring your Donations for the Community Yard Sale

If you don't want to have your own yard sale for just a few things, consider donating them to the Community table. We will be available to take any donations. Proceeds will go to replenish our social fund.

### SHOW YOUR COMMUNITY PRIDE!!!!!!

Do you need a unique gift? Want to show off the great place you live? We have new CMIA Tee Shirts, Hats, Koozies, and Beach Bags available for sale.

Hats	\$15.00	Adult T-Shirts	\$15.00
Bags	\$20.00	Child/youth	\$10.00
Koozies	\$ 2.00		

Come to Key Day to buy your CMIA merchandise for holiday giving or watch our website for details



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# CARROLLTON MANOR IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT FORM

**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**

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## **BLACK GATE at Hillbottom and Crabaway 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):

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

**\*I agree to 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

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Print Name

Date

Address in Carrollton Manor

Phone

Property Owner Address if different

Email for Community Announcements

## **Notes from the Dec. 2011**

### **Community Meeting**

- ◆ The 2012 Community Budget was approved
- ◆ Assigned dates and coordinated responsibilities for spring community events.
- ◆ Website responsibilities have been transferred to Tim Petsky. The software has been updated and he is awaiting BOD feedback on needed changes to web-site content and organization.
- ◆ Key Day discussed. This year all existing keys and stickers will expire and the BOD is moving to make the process on Key Day more efficient by including the application in this spring's newsletter.
- ◆ Ideas for a new clubhouse continue to be discussed. First priority is to find someone who understands the site and the county's requirements and building code so that feasibility can be established. When this information is obtained the BOD can bring the idea and any monetary requirements to a vote in the community.
- ◆ Rezoning has been a hot-button issue in Severna Park with several areas being tested. Lisa Bender gave us feedback from the most recent Greater Severna Park Council Meeting regarding these issues.

## **Carrollton Manor**

### **Reminders**

#### **!! Reminders !!**



Your dog is your mess.  
I like your dog but not your mess.  
If they poop, please scoop.

Noise carries up land and over water and swearing isn't cool.

No guns including paint, air, pellet on CMIA property, guns belong on the shooting range.

Trash does not grow feet and throw itself away.

Parking is a practice in being a good neighbor.



It is hard to can-can  
on a broken bottle  
in the sand-sand.

If I bought a parking sticker and gate keys, I hope you did too.

**Have a safe and happy Spring!**

## **Pier Ye, Pier Ye**

**Low tides and northerly winds** pushed enough water out of the river to expose the boat ramp. Don and Bo added some cinder blocks to help shore up the ramp. It's not a permanent fix but every little bit helps.

**Pier Slips:** Anyone interested in adding their name to the **Pier Slip Wait 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 with a check for \$25.00. Please include a working phone number as we will need to call you. Mailing address is CMIA P.O. Box 1104, Severna Park, MD 21146. 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 at 410.647.1189**

**Boats US Discount:** Save 50% off regular Annual BOAT U.S. membership dues. CMIA has a cooperative agreement with BOAT US that offers reduced annual dues to Carrollton Manor residents. Member benefits include a 700+ page catalog, special discounts and Member Rewards with purchases. Discounts at more than 600 marina, boat insurance, on-the-water towing services and a 1 year subscription to BOAT US magazine are all included. Our Coop number is #GA81464B to get your special rate.

## **Our Environment**

CMIA works on projects that are 'Bay Friendly' so that we can reduce our community's impact on the Severn River and the Bay. We have installed rain gardens, biologists, doggie depots and used 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:** Natives 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.

Anne Arundel County Planning and Zoning will supply marsh grass (*Spartina Alterniflora*) upon approval of your application and completion of a site visit. Call 410-222-7441 for more info or go to <http://www.aacounty.org/IP/Forms.cfm> and look for the Emergent Grasses Application Form.

**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 a river or pond where they feed the algae. As overabundant 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.

## **Security**

### See Something, Say Something

The Officers of the Anne Arundel Police Department recommended the following key points that aid in keeping our families and Carrollton Manor safe.

**1. Don't tempt a criminal. You provide the right elements for a "CRIME OF OPPORTUNITY"** if you don't lock your car doors, and leave a wallet, purse, computer or camera in plain view on a seat.

**2. Report crime.** Vandalism, petty theft, suspicious persons, drug activity...all small things lead to bigger problems. Call 911 and let the AAPD prioritize the calls.

**3. What is a suspicious person?** Do they look like they belong and what is their reason for being in your neighborhood? If they represent a business, do they have ID? Are they looking over their shoulder or is it someone sitting in a car watching houses and people. **Call 911. Don't be embarrassed or think that you are over-reacting.**

**4. When calling 911 the key identifiers include CLOTHING, DIRECTION & METHOD OF TRAVEL, DISTINGUISHING MARKS (i.e. tattoos), RACE.** Look for these things and write them down. If they are traveling in an automobile, get the license plate. Use your cell phone to take a picture of their license plate and then the vehicle.

**5. Keep your kids safe.** Follow 1-4 above and be a good parent. That's tough love ;)

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.

**Carrollton Manor's Security Team** is recruiting volunteers to help keep our community safe. All that is required is a commitment of *any* amount of time 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](mailto:momdmk@aol.com) if you are interested. We thank you in advance!

**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.





## **Community Announcements**

### **Once a week trash collection starts in June 2012:**

The county is implementing cost saving measures.

### **Selling? Share this HOA information with your realtor and title company:**

Carrollton Manor is a Special Community Benefit District. The 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.

## **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

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

### **Ad Rates**

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**Next Meeting: June 5, 7:00pm**

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

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