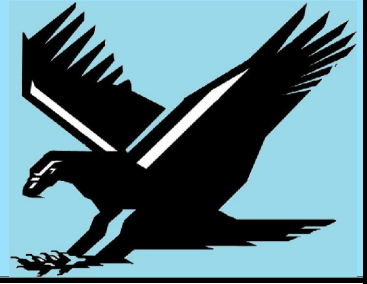


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## **CELEBRATE ANOTHER WONDERFUL SUMMER OF LIVING IN CARROLLTON MANOR AT THE ANNUAL**

### **CMIA COMMUNITY PICNIC**

**Sat. SEPT. 6th from 2:00pm until we're tired  
at Hillbottom Beach**

*Join your friends and neighbors for fun, music, and memories!*

Door prizes, 50/50 Raffle, Games, Dancing, Live Music  
from CMIA's **Epstein's Mother**, the CMIA gator,  
and VOLLEYBALL!!!!!!

**No admission fee** - CMIA grilled food, sodas, beer and wine  
available at minimal costs [cash and checks only please]

***Please bring your favorite side dish, or dessert to share  
and your own lawn chairs.***

***Boat ramp and beach will be closed from  
12:00 noon until 6:00pm for the picnic.***

**Parking will be very limited.**

**Please consider carpooling or enjoy a walk to the beach.**

**All children under 13 must be accompanied by a parent.**

### **Upcoming Meeting Agenda Tuesday, September 3 at 7:00 PM Severna Park Baptist Church**

- Community Picnic
- Fall Events
  - Halloween
  - Family Movie Nights
- Updates on community projects

### **BOD Elections**

Two CMIA BOD positions will  
again come up for re-election on Oc-  
tober 6th.

Being on the BOD is a very reward-  
ing way to give back to your commu-  
nity. If you are interested in helping  
CMIA continue to improve or for  
more information on what is in-  
volved, please contact any BOD  
member.

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## **Fall Reminders**

**Another fun summer is coming to an end. School has started so remember to PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY and be extra cautious near all bus stops.**

**Drive Sloooow through the neighborhood. There are lots of children, joggers, dogs on our streets and with the parked cars, they can be hard to spot especially as days get shorter.**

***HELP EVERYONE ENJOY LIVING IN 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, in the streets, or in the woods. The county does not provide street cleaning services
- 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 near strangers and other pets. PLEASE keep all pets on a leash and fully in your control. 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 go. When you walk your pet, carry a bag to pick up waste and dispose of it properly. No one likes to step in surprises.
- Remind your children to be considerate at the bus stops and not to leave trash, watch out for cars, and help out others. Being a part of a caring community can start early.
- **Think Before You Throw!** Can you imagine if every person left 1 piece of trash 1 time a week, and no one cleaned it up? What would our community look like? Clean up any trash you see, from bottles to butts. Earn an extra gold star and pick up trash that was there before you arrived. *Everyone can help keep Carrollton Manor Beautiful!*
- There is no hunting or gun play of any kind allowed on our community properties! This includes all of the woods around Hillbottom Beach.
- 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.

**BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY.....ENJOY THE SEASON!**

## Leaves Are A Pain In The Drain! Coming To A Storm Drain Near You!

Leaves-they're rushing down streets and into storm drains and filling our streams, rivers and the Bay in the kind of quantities Mother Nature never, ever, ever intended them to be!

*So what's the big problem? Aren't leaves natural and safe for our waterways?*

Leaves are natural organic matter, BUT leaves that decay on land consume oxygen from the air; when decaying in the water, leaf decay requires twice as much oxygen. In fact, fallen leaves use 200% more oxygen when decaying in the water than when decaying on the land. This robs the water of oxygen, causing fish to die and adding stress to all animal life in the vicinity.

*Your leaves in the water are not natural*

Anne Arundel County rivers have an average annual yield of 1.81 tons of nitrogen/ square mile. A large portion of this nitrogen comes from the breakdown of leaves in waterways. This excess of nutrients causes an increased growth of algae blooms. Algae limits the amount of sunlight and reduces the oxygen available for fish, plants, and other aquatic life. Depleted oxygen is the driving force which causes "dead zones" in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, including our Severn River. The unnaturally large quantity of leaves ending up in our waterways occurs because our driveways, sidewalks, streets, and storm drains act like superhighways for leaves from our inland trees right to our waterways.

*So what can Carrollton Manor residents do?*

- **Bag** them (paper is preferred) and let the county pick them up. The county will then recycle them. The county does not clean up debris in the streets, but will pick up marked yard waste
- **Mulch** them and use them in your garden. You can use a mulching machine or you can rake your leaves into a pile and run over them with a mower. Leaf mulch is a much better food source for your garden than fertilizer.
- **Compost** them. If you have the time and space, this is a great way to augment the soil in your garden while recycling both leaves and your fruit/vegetable waste from the kitchen.

### Top 10 Reasons to Manage your Leaves this Fall!

1. It's good exercise.
2. Spend quality time with your kids outside.
3. Become a leader in your neighborhood: your neighbors will follow your lead.
4. Each year, tons of leaves from our communities contribute to the dead zones in the Severn River and Bay
5. Leaves cleared from the streets prevent injury and accidents.
6. Saves space in landfills
7. Your azaleas, camellias, and rhododendrons thrive with shredded organic leaf humus.
8. Enhances clay or sandy soil, introducing beneficial microorganisms to the soil
9. Protects shrubs and perennials from extreme temperature changes
10. Because it's easy, ecological and the right thing to do.

Whatever you do, please help by keeping leaves off your driveway and streets so that they do not wind up in our storm drains and waterways. Never block drainage ditches or curb lines by raking your leaves into them.

REMEMBER...EVERYTHING THAT GOES INTO THE STORM DRAINS, GOES DIRECTLY INTO THE SEVERN!!



*Please consider pledging to remove leaves from hard surfaces around your yard this fall, and disposing of them responsibly.*

***It really does make a difference!***

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

**Sept 6th—CMIA Annual Community Picnic:** Mark your calendar for the Saturday after Labor Day for our annual community picnic. This is one of the most fun and best days of the year for CMIA residents! Celebrate another wonderful summer of living in CMIA with your friends and neighbors. Music, food, games, prizes, swimming and FUN! No admission fee and food and drinks will be available for sale. We always get great door prizes from local businesses and we always publish those donors in our newsletter—please remember to support the people who support us when you shop in the area. **Contact any Board Director or Bo Dant if you would like to volunteer your help.** We need people to set up, gather door prizes, cook, and organize.

**Oct 2nd at 7:00pm—CMIA Book Club Meeting:**

Our current selection is The Poisoner's Handbook by Deborah Blum. 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.

**Dec. 2nd at 7:00pm—Winter Community Meeting:**

At the Severna Park Baptist Church on Benfield Blvd. The upcoming agenda will be in the Winter 2014 newsletter.

**CMIA Family Fun Nights:** It's the place to be on Friday Nights! Come on down for 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.

**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 the Eagle newsletter. Space is limited so act now. Please contact [asahieveleth@gmail.com](mailto:asahieveleth@gmail.com) for details.

**Board Nominations are coming up:** Every year two BOD positions come up for re-election. Being on the BOD is very rewarding and a great way to give back to the community. If you are interested in being a candidate contact any Board member for more information.

## **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

Student residents of CMIA can submit classified advertising services 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.

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### **Local Organizations**

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 Severn River Association [www.severnriver.org](http://www.severnriver.org)  
 Severn Riverkeeper  
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### **Bay Friendly Gardening**

Chesapeake Ecology Center  
[www.chesapeakeecologycenter.org](http://www.chesapeakeecologycenter.org)  
 Friendly Landscaping Resource List  
[www.cbf.org/landscaping](http://www.cbf.org/landscaping)  
 Bay Scape gardens  
[www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/bayscapes.htm](http://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/bayscapes.htm)  
 RainScaping  
[www.RainScaping.org](http://www.RainScaping.org)

### **Maryland Native Plants**

USFWS, "Native Plants"  
[www.nps.gov/plants/pubs/chesapeake/toc.htm](http://www.nps.gov/plants/pubs/chesapeake/toc.htm)  
 National Wildlife Federation (NWF) <http://www.nwf.org>  
 Bay Scape gardens  
[www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/bayscapes.htm](http://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/bayscapes.htm)  
 Invasive plants and control  
<http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/pubs/midatlantic/>  
 Watershed Stewards Academy [www.aawsa.org](http://www.aawsa.org)

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FAQ:  
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 General information:  
[www.aacounty.org/DPW/Highways/RainGarden.cfm](http://www.aacounty.org/DPW/Highways/RainGarden.cfm).



## **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 is also getting a new website!**

We are updating and improving the CMIA website. It will be easier to navigate, more user friendly, and full of community information.

Thanks to CM resident Steve for all the fantastic work!

## **Thank you!**

Thank you to all the people who quietly, and often anonymously, work to improve living in CMIA!

Thank you to the people who pick up bits of trash, support community activities, help with events, and keep an eye on the community's wellbeing!



**Calling all goblins,  
 pirates, superheroes, and  
 fairy princesses to  
 Hillbottom Beach for  
 Halloween Festivities!**

Watch for signs at Sign Island  
 or contact Jen Davis for more  
 information!



## **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 [CMI-Akids@gmail.com](mailto:CMI-Akids@gmail.com). The board will review recommendations. Thanks you for your support of the Carrollton Manor Community Association.

### **June CMIA Meeting Highlights**

- A resident offered to assist with the new CMIA community website
- BOD Elections will be scheduled in October with 2 director positions available
- Capital Project Updates:
  - Board agreed to come back to community with all steps associated with new Club House including costs and architecture
  - A \$1,000 grant was approved for a Unity Garden at Hillbottom Beach near the sandy hill wall
  - Engineering quotes have been gathered for the retaining wall at Hillbottom Beach; estimate is between \$15k-20k to replace the wall. Several RFPs await a response
  - Residents approved a maximum cost of \$4,000 to remove bamboo at Crab Away
- A family camping night was proposed at Hillbottom Beach in the fall
- CMIA Family Movie Night is being pursued for the fall
- A resident discussed River Strokes, a swim program currently in place at AACO riverfront communities; options to implement in CM are being explored

The CMIA BOD sadly says goodbye to Sarah Petsky and would like to thank her for all the wonderful things she has brought to the community in her years on the BOD. Sarah established the CMIA Kids email groups and organized lots of great activities and events. CMIA has benefited greatly from all the ideas, time and hard work Sarah has given to make this a great place to live!

### **Thank you Sarah!**



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## **Community Funds**

Each Carrollton Manor household contributes a small amount to the upkeep of our community through a county administered program called "Special Community Benefits District".

CMIA uses these funds to contract major work, provide property maintenance, and fund improvements to all of our community properties. However, manageable repairs and additions are made by volunteer residents and owners throughout the year. Month to month, the members of the Board of Directors are major contributors in caring for Carrollton Manor.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP! CMIA HAS @ 540 HOMES - YET ONLY ABOUT 50-60 HOUSEHOLDS COME OUT TO HELP IMPROVE LIVING IN CMIA.**

There are many opportunities available to help improve CMIA besides becoming a Board Member. Major opportunities are pier and community workdays, the community picnic, beautification days, yard and plant sales, children's parties and events.

If you are interested in helping out with any of these events- please contact any Board member.

Thank you to the people who are always there to help. Thank you to everyone who chips in to make Carrollton Manor a great place to live!

COMING TO HILLBOTTOM BEACH THIS FALL

CMIA Movie Nights..... Starting Sat. OCT. 4<sup>th</sup>

WATCH MOVIES UNDER THE STARS.....POPCORN....  
AND FAMILY FUN!!!

*Watch for signs at Sign Island*

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## **CMIA Security Update**

See Something, Say Something

We are working closely with county Police to resolve and hopefully, prevent crime in our community. We need you to report anything suspicious. If it is not urgent and you don't want to call 911, call Sgt. Newman at 410-222-6145. He is our Police & Community Together (PACT) representative.

Please note that Security will be checking for valid parking passes at Hillbottom Beach. People with invalid or no pass will be asked to leave or have their vehicle towed. There is no guest parking at Hillbottom.

The Anne Arundel Police Department also offers the following advice:

**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.

**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. ALL CALLS CAN BE MADE ANONYMOUSLY**

**When calling 911 the key identifiers** include CLOTHING, DIRECTION & METHOD OF TRAVEL, DISTINGUISHING MARKS (i.e. tattoos), HEIGHT, WEIGHT, GENDER, AGE, RACE. 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.

**Keep your kids safe.** Know where they are and who they are with. Make your house the "hang-out" house and you will always know where your kids are and who they are with. Talk to them early and often about the Internet and the danger of posting personal information on social media sites. Go to <http://www.netsmartz.org/Parents> or [www.kidshealth.org/teen/safety/safebasics/internet\\_safety.html](http://www.kidshealth.org/teen/safety/safebasics/internet_safety.html)

**Join us!** Give any amount of time to patrol through the neighborhood and watch. Don't intervene, just call. 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!**

## **Pier Ye, Pier Ye**

All keys and stickers are changed for 2014! Locks were changed May 1, 2014.

**Pier Slips:** All slips are being assigned but weekly sublets are available on a first come, first-served basis. Please contact Don Price at 410-236-9807

**Pier Slip Wait list:** 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 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.

**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, and straight, as possible. Trailer parking is not permitted in those spaces that abut the beach.

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)

### **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.

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**Next Meeting: Sept. 2, 7:00pm**

**Winter Meeting: Dec. 2, 7:00pm**

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