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Upcoming Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

7:00 PM at the

Severna Park Baptist Church

Benfield Road

- ◆ Committee Reports and Updates
- ◆ Community Property Survey results
- ◆ Options and re-planting plans
- ◆ Community Picnic
- ◆ Future Community Project Ideas
- ◆ Board Nominations are open

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

Dates to Remember

CMIA Family Friday Nights—every Friday evening at Hillbottom

CMIA Book Club: June 6th at 7pm more details on page 2

CMIA Go Slow Campaign: June 12,13,14 and 17th. See page 2 for details

CMIA Community Picnic: Sept. TBD at Hillbottom Beach
(volunteers needed)

Sept. Community Meeting Sept. 4th at 7:00pm at the Benfield Baptist Church on Benfield Road.

CMIA Board Nominations: Two candidates to run for CMIA Board. Contact any Board member if you are interested.

The Community Newsletter is distributed quarterly. Send address corrections to Carri585@earthlink.net or call 410-279-3004. **CMIA Events email distribution** at CMIAkids@gmail.com.

Events to Attend, Dates to Remember

Three days of Slow

CMIA Speed Awareness Campaign

By Sarah Petsky

In a world of chaos it is smart to focus on the things we can control. In a world of fast cars and narrow neighborhood streets it is wise to educate our children and remind our neighbors about the delicate balance of life. The CMIA Board of Directors is approached often about how to control speeding cars. The reality is that even with an officer patrolling the neighborhood we cannot control another's actions and a large percentage of speeding comes from within our ranks. **Three Days of Slow** is a CMIA campaign to bring street safety and awareness to all of our residents in a kind and funny way. In this, there are two truths:

- 25mph is too fast when kids are present and there is no way of knowing where and when kids will appear.
- Kids are not born with an innate understanding of street safety and must be guided by adults.

On June 12th, 13th and 14th CMIA will sponsor a speed awareness campaign that will include "chalking" the streets with friendly messages, spreading important reminders for drivers AND families and culminate in an ice cream social on Sunday June 17th at the Old Club-house grounds for a group picture that will be included in the next newsletter. More details and chalk pick-up dates will come via the CMI-Akids distribution. If you aren't already on the list then contact Sarah at CMIAKids@gmail.com to be added. Our mission is positive and our goal is to influence and remind. Our younger ranks are growing and we need to illustrate how precious they are to the community so they will love it in return.

CMIA Annual Community Picnic: The CMIA COMMUNITY PICNIC will be the second or third Saturday in September. Celebrate another wonderful summer of living in CMIA with your friends and neighbors. Music, food, games, prizes, swimming and FUN! No admission fee- FREE FUN- Food and drinks for sale cheap! Last year we had a blast. Make a point to be there. Call any Board Director if you would like to volunteer your help.

CMIA Family Fridays at Hillbottom: It's the place to be on Friday Nights!! Come on down for 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 Book Club Our current selection is The Story of Beautiful Girl by Rachel Simon. "On a rainy night in 1968, Martha Zimmer opens her door to a trio of unexpected guests: a deaf man, a developmentally disabled woman, and a newborn baby girl...." Our next meeting is June 6 at 7pm. Join us for some lively conversation. Bring a snack to share. If you are interested in attending, send an email to KA_Silva@verizon.net for directions and to get on the email list.

CMIA Email Contact List: To get on the email list, send your name, address and email address to CMIAkids@gmail.com

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Lost and Found

Two kids bicycles were found abandoned on one of our resident's property in March. Call Carolyn at 410-279-3004 if you think they are yours and can identify them.

Community Volunteers: You are Priceless

by Sarah Petsky and Lisa Bender

Community Workday: As you enjoy a day at the beach or drive by our CMIA properties, admire the colors of our gardens. It's thanks to a group of volunteers who, armed with shovels and gloves, spent a recent Saturday adding native perennials and colorful annuals to community beds. Please take time to thank **Roxanne, Makayla, Kristen, Chloe, Ausra, Martina, Sara, Lisa and Carolyn** for their contributions to this effort. New plants were added to the gardens at Hillbottom Beach, Sign-Island, Little Tree and Big Tree Island at Center. Additional thanks to **Bo, Don and Mark** who helped finish the planting after working on the pier. Thank you also to those **surrounding households** that water and weed those areas when possible.

Finally, a big thank you to the local businesses who support our efforts. Papa John's Farm Markets/Schillinger Farms on New Cut Road provided all the annuals at a super discount. **Severn River Trading Plant Mart** on Ritchie Highway gave us a great discount on many of the native perennials for our gardens. Our local merchants are a real treasure. **Remember their generosity when you shop for your own garden and produce needs.** Support the businesses that support us. I know I do.

Pier Workday: This year a group repaired two electrical problems, built a bench, repaired the railing and steps at the beach and replaced fifteen pier boards. **Thank you Bo, Don and Mark for coordinating these repairs and to all the pier slip holders who helped on these repairs.**

We need your support on these important days. Become a volunteer. You don't need to spend the whole day. Spend an hour or two loading or unloading plants, bring a snack or water to the others. Small, simple steps are greatly appreciated contributions. Spring Workdays are scheduled each May when the weather is still cool and plants have an opportunity to grow before the summer swelter begins. Fall Workdays help us maintain and prepare for winter. Kids are welcome and encouraged. Before you judge your neighbors' yard I encourage you to show them through leadership and work how to make Carrollton Manor a more beautiful neighborhood one plant and piece of trash at a time. **Thank you to all those that already do....you are priceless.**

Annual Plant and Yard Sale

We hope everyone found a treasure, or sold a treasure, during this year's CMIA community yard sale. Thanks to all who stopped by to purchase or encourage us. The CMIA tables and plant sales raised over \$275.00 for our community's future social activities and events. A big thanks to **Carolyn** who collected yard sale table donations all through the year for this event, coordinated the plants to sell and set up "Sign Island" for the big day. Thanks also to **LeeAnne, Lisa, Ishi, Kristen and Bonnie** for their support and donations including plants, yard sale items and snacks for those manning the booth.

This year, plant sales were fantastic! We replenished our best selling items mid-day and sold over a truckload of plants to beautify many gardens. We sold 3 Rain Barrels on consignment from Arlington Echo to community residents....supporting not only CMIA but also the Severn River! A win for all!!!

A extra special thank you to DIEHL'S PRODUCE, on Evergreen Rd, for their generous support of CMIA. Diehl's works with us by ordering native plants and allows us to sell on consignment. The proceeds support our CMIA social fund.

Please remember Diehl's for all your garden and produce needs.

Consider Volunteering next year. If you are interested, contact Carolyn Rogers.

Donations accepted all year. Call or email Carri585@earthlink.net or 410-279-3004.

Community Funds: Each Carrollton Manor household contributes a small monetary amount to the upkeep of our community through a county-administered program called 'Special Community Benefits District'. While CMIA uses these funds to contract major work, 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. Besides becoming a Board Member, major opportunities to volunteer are Pier and Community Workdays, the Community Picnic and Easter Egg hunt. If you are interested, contact any Board member.

CMIA Easter Egg Hunt 2012

By Sarah Petsky

There could be many factors in determining how long until the last egg is found. The variables include the number kids and number of eggs with consideration to how well the eggs were hidden. But the math is squirrely and the answer is always the same: in no time at all! There was a record turnout for this year's CMIA Easter Egg Hunt. Jen, Angie, Beth, Jessica, Sarah, Angela and Kirstin stuffed over 750 eggs with candy, stickers, Band-Aids, silly bands, money and more. **Bo, Lisa, Ausra, Makayla, Megan, Sarah and Angela hid over 750 eggs** in spots all over Hillbottom Beach but maybe not well enough. Over 75 kids executed a search and destroy mission that might have lasted 10 minutes but maybe longer. Thank you to our fabulous donors and volunteers. Next year we are adding staggered start times, limits for the older kids and a bullhorn. Have a wonderful summer!



Pier Ye, Pier Ye

Improvements: Volunteers repaired two electrical problems, built a bench, repaired railing and steps and replaced fifteen pier boards during the recent Community Workday.

Pier Slips: Anyone interested in adding their name to the **Pier Slip Wait List**, fill out the application found at 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**

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.

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

Lawn Mowing and more: Noah Taylor, an Oakhill sixth-grader, is available to mow lawns, help with gardening, water outside plants and even walk your dog. Call 410-647-7581. reasonable prices: \$5 and up.

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.

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

WWW.CARROLLTONMANOR.COM

March 2012

Community Meeting

Minutes and Treasurer's reports read and approved

Pier wiring has been fixed and Pier work day will be in May. Don is working through the Pier slip wait list

Donna is looking for people to help with the **Community Security teams**

Old Benfield Road will be closed to traffic this summer while repairs are made to the failing Shipley's Dam. BG&E will be installing **Smart meters** this summer. For more info: www.GSPCouncil.Org

CMIA Children's Events are being planned. Contact CMIAKids@gmail.com for more info.

Updated information on a new CMIA Clubhouse was presented. This is still being considered as a future project.

Living Shoreline project at Crab Away- Project is moving forward, removal of deteriorating cinder blocks and final budget of @\$18,000.00 was approved.

Plans to **fix Hillbottom Beach's retaining wall**, are still being investigated.

Unanimous approval given to have top area of CMIA Hillbottom Beach area **re-surveyed and staked**. The estimated cost of a new survey is @\$1100-1300.00. An additional \$1000.00 to replant removed trees and vegetation was also approved.

Possible solutions to **prevent continued dumping of trash** and debris into the woods along Severn Road were discussed- please contact Bo if you have any suggestions.

Concerns were raised about speeding cars and people not stopping at stop signs. Community-wide three days of slow campaign has been proposed. See page 2 for details. This is a constant problem. Please be constantly mindful of traffic, watch your own driving habits, and encourage all your neighbors to also be careful.

Suggestions were made to have AACo Police come into the community to set up additional patrols

We are working on improving the website and your suggestions are encouraged.

CMIA Community picnic is being planned September, typically the week after Labor Day- Watch the website and the Fall Eagle for more details.

Carrollton Manor

Reminders

Hillbottom, Sunset and Crabaway are for the enjoyment of all our residents and not available for private parties. Tables and grills are unreserved and any music should be at a low volume.

Hillbottom closes at dark. If you are the last one there, please close the gate and lock it to help prevent vandalism and after-hours partying. Close the gate to the ramp after you use it.

While at Hillbottom, proudly display your CMIA parking sticker at Hillbottom. Limited parking area means space is at a premium. There is no guest parking at Hillbottom.

No lifeguards are on duty so please watch your children as they play in the river.

The hill at Hillbottom is eroding. Please stay off the hill.

Boats left on our beach or in the woods will be considered abandoned and will be removed and donated to the CMIA yard sale effort.

Curb your language, please. Family night is fun, let's keep it clean. Remember, noise carries up land and over water.

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



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

Trash does not grow feet and throw itself away. Please use the trashcans.

Parking is a practice in being a good neighbor. Leave enough room for others to get through.

It's hard to can-can
on a broken bottle
in the sand sand



Have a safe and happy Summer!

The five T's for Coping with Mosquitoes

By Sarah Petsky

Adapted from a "Voice" article submitted by Mosquito Squad of Annapolis

In the wake of such a mild winter, we are anticipating a buggy summer. As we look forward to time spent outside there are five T's to help reduce the mosquito population in our yards and community. Mosquitoes need standing water for their eggs to hatch but can do so in as little as a bottle cap or tablespoon of water. Drainage ditches and ponds are not always the problem. Mosquitoes also hatch in places like gutters, planters and other poorly drained outdoor spaces. Almost everyone has their very own mosquito nursery.

TIP: Tip over any containers that can hold water for more than five days at a time such as rain gauges, outdoor candles and planters.

TOSS: Toss any litter or unused containers in your yard and remove any trash bags or old tires. A female mosquito can lay hundreds of eggs in a soda bottle cap.

TURN: Turn over any large objects like wheelbarrows and canoes where water may collect.

Remove **TARPS:** Tarps are a major contributor to standing water. Remove tarps whenever possible.

TREAT: Treat standing water. Utilize a mosquito-elimination barrier treatment around the home and yard. Using a barrier treatment reduces the need for bug spray on the body.

CMIA was granted permission to condense and reprint this article for informational purposes. The Board does not guarantee or specifically support services provided by The Mosquito Squad. The Mosquito Squad will offer a discount to residents if they mention this article. The Mosquito Squad, call 443-458-5443 or visit www.mosquitosquad.com.

Remember: 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.

CMIA participates in the AACo. Adult Mosquito control spraying. It is most effective when combined with community residents' 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.

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. **Lock your vehicle and put valuables out of sight.** By making it a little bit tougher for any would-be thief, you helps deter crimes of opportunity .
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 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 started June 1, 2012:

The county is implementing cost saving measures.

New Gate Keys and Parking Stickers for 2012-

13: As of May 1st, new gate keys and parking stickers have been issued. Locks were changed on May 1.

If you didn't make it to key day you can get the application from the CMIA website or 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.



A note from the Greater Severna Park Council [GSPC]

The state, and county, road commissions have been studying the area roadways and traffic needs.

Several recommendations have been suggested for the Severna Park area. These include Benfield Road, Richie Hwy., Rt97, and the Rt50/Severn River Bridge roadways.

All plans are still preliminary. A public hearing will be held at Severna Park Middle School, on Jumpers Hole Rd, on June 12th for feedback and information. Please see www.aacounty.org/PlanZone/TransPlan for more information.

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Fall Meeting: Sept. 4, 7:00pm

S.P. Baptist Church, Benfield Rd.

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