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Upcoming Meeting Agenda Tuesday, December 8, 2009 7:00 PM at the SP Baptist Church on Benfield Blvd.

- Vote on proposed CMIA Budget for County submission
- Vote on replacement of bulkhead
- Security Updates
- Pier Updates
- Community Sponsored Events
- Updates on erosion control projects
- Capital Projects Discussion
- Key Day

All Members are entitled to a vote on issues before the Board.

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Carrollton Manor Reminders

<u>Drive carefully</u> and be alert for children, joggers, walkers and dogs. As the days get shorter, it's harder to see people, dogs, and bikes. Stop fully and completely at stop signs. It's hard to see on coming traffic through the bushes and around the parked cars. If you are walking or jogging, wear reflective clothing. If you are riding a bike, wear a helmet, make sure the lights on your bikes are working and obey the rules of the road.

Park well off the roads so that emergency vehicles have enough room to get through.

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<u>Clean Up after your Pets:</u> Why is Dog poop such a big deal? No one cleans up after the raccoons and squirrels. Dog poop smells bad and it's full of nasty bacteria and nitrogen. Bacteria can make people very sick. Bacteria and nitrogen in the streams and Bay lead to fish kills and algae blooms, not to mention people swimming in it can get very sick. On the other hand, wildlife eat what's available to them on the land but dogs eat dog food or table scraps making dog poop different, nastier and more lethal. Clean up after your pets.

Security

Carrollton Manor's Security Committee continues to look for more volunteers to augment our team. Please contact Bob Brady at 410-544-9474. Your participation for a few hours monthly will improve our neighborhood security.

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. Kathy Pleasant at 410-2226145. She is our Police and Community Together (PACT) representative. If you are unable to reach Sgt. Pleasant, contact Bob Brady for assistance.

If the problem involves a vehicle, have a description of the vehicle, such as make, model, color and the license plate ready. If the problem involves a residence, have the street address when reporting the situation. The Anne Arundel County Police Department is committed to working with us, and we hope to become more involved in the Police Community Relations Council as well. Stay tuned More to come on this soon !!!

Mark Your Calendar for these Upcoming Events

<u>December Community Meeting</u> - Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00 pm at the Benfield Baptist Church on Benfield Blvd. See Agenda on page 1.

<u>March Community Meeting</u> - Scheduled for Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00 pm at the Benfield Baptist Church on Benfield Blvd. The agenda will be in the next newsletter.

<u>Kev Dav</u> - will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 9am-12 noon at the Severna Park Baptist Church on Benfield Road. All keys will need to be replaced in 2010. Price remains the same at \$5.00 for gates to Hillbottom beach and Crab Away pier (same key opens both), \$20 for boat ramp key. Slip rental prices include the cost of a key for the pier. Parking stickers (\$1) for Hillbottom beach will also be available.

Pier Ye, Pier Ye

- With the holiday season just around the corner, the majority of our boats have been winterized leaving our pier to all but the heartiest of sailors. To prevent the freezing, the pier's water line has been winterized and the water turned off.
- Ramp repairs were completed this spring. All reports to date have been positive. It appears our problems are behind us!
- Fall maintenance includes sealing the deck. We will be experimenting with plastic domes to replace the glass domes on the pier lights.
- ♦ Weekly slip rentals will continue to be available. Please contact Bob Brady for information at 410 -544-9474.
- Mark your calendars: Key Day will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 9am-12 noon at the Severna Park Baptist Church on Benfield Road. Your pier committee is hoping that as many slip holders as possible will renew their lease on Key Day which will greatly help us in offering those on the waiting list a spot as soon as possible.



Happy Holidays from the Pier Committee





Our sincere thanks to Chuck Hewitt and Betty Brady, outgoing Directors, for their many years of dedication and contributions in making our neighborhood a better place to live. Volunteer service is such a vital part of the community.

The Board welcomes two new members as Directors-At-Large: Don Price and Bo Dant, who have graciously volunteered to join us in working towards an improved Carrollton Manor neighborhood. Don and Bo have been active community members for many years. We look forward to their contributions as board members.

Thanks to all our volunteers::

The following donated their time and talents for the Oct 3rd planting day: The Dant family, Kelly & Ryan, Mark, LeeAnne, Chuck, Nichole and Shane, Sara, David, Lennie and Mike, Mark and Roxanne, Mike, Mel, Anne, Barbara, Retta, Lisa, all the Scouts of Wolf Pack 918 Den 9. Thanks to Pizza Hut on Benfield Blvd. for donating pizzas for the hungry crew.

Despite the rain, Hillbottom beach was transformed into the haunting grounds of CMIA's Halloween party. All of our little trick-or-treaters enjoyed the activities. A warm thank you to those unknown residents who volunteered to make it a great time for all who braved the weather!

The following volunteer opportunities are available:

- ◆ CMIA representatives to attend the **Severn River Association** meetings and the **Greater Severna Park Council.** Both are once-a-month commitments.
- Several Gardens still need adoption please contact Retta Barkley if you are interested.

Notes from September 2009 Community Meeting

The **budget for fiscal year-end 2009** resulted in an overage. Unused monies will be held in reserve for future projects. Several up-coming projects under consideration and the money can be used to offset the costs.

Proposed budget for 2010 will be available for approval at the next community meeting in December.

Costs for **Sunset Beach projects** which include constructing a rock groin and replenishing the sand are expected to increase. \$10,000 was approved for the projects and we are still waiting for final permit approval. Our application for grant money from Chesapeake Bay Trust was not approved. There was intense competition this year for limited dollars. We will apply again during the next CBT grant cycle. We are also considering applying for mini-grants offered by CBT. If approved, we could start parts of the projects.

Crab Away Pier bids have bee received to remove the invasive vegetation and clean up the lawn and hillside area of Sunset. The current plan is to construct bamboo barriers to control and manage the spread and growth of bamboo into the lawn area. \$7,000 was approved for the project. We will apply a \$1000.00 Unity Garden grant to offset the cost of replanting at Crab Away. Note: the grant was approved and we had a fantastic planting day. This completes stage one of our improvements to Crab Away.

The first annual **Adopt a Garden** day was October 3. Three of our six proposed gardens have been adopted. Each garden is designed to manage an erosion problem. There was concern that not all the gardens would be adopted (volunteer opportunities remain) and that the grant would not cover the full cost of planting. An additional \$1000.00 was approved to cover any overage.

Coconut Coir Coil **Bio-retention Logs** have been suggested to temporarily control storm water runoff and further erosion at Crab Away and Hillbottom. These will help stabilize the property until more permanent solutions are finalized. A total of \$1,800.00 (\$900.00/log) was approved to install 2 logs.

Hillbottom Beach bulkhead replacement costs are estimated at \$25,000.00. This project was included in the ramp permit and includes replacing the bulkhead on both sides of the ramp. Bob will obtain more bids and the details will be presented at the December meeting.

Lisa Bender reviewed information from the **Severn River Association** meeting on oyster growing and the results of CMIA water tests from Operation Clearwater. The Severn River Association has expressed interest in CMIA's environmentally friendly approach to community projects. Lisa and Retta Barkley presented an overview of some of CMIA's "Bay Friendly" projects and ideas at the SRA Oct. meeting.

CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATES

Sunset Beach: \$10,000 is approved for construction of rock groins and replenishing sand but costs will increase. CBT grant not approved in this round. CMIA will re-apply and apply for mini-grants.

Crab Away Pier: \$7000.00 approved to remove invasive vegetation

Adopt-A-Garden: \$1000.00 Unity Grant received and \$1000.00 approved to supplement cost of planting if needed

Bio-retention Logs approved for Hillbottom and Crab Away at a total cost of \$1800.00

Hillbottom ramp bulkhead replacement estimate is \$25,000.00. Other bids and details to be presented at December meeting.

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Our Environment

- ♦ CMIA is now participating in Operation Clearwater. The water quality at Hillbottom Beach and Sunset Beach are being tested bi-weekly. Please visit the Severn River Association website or http://ola4.aacc.edu/sghornor for more information and results.
- ♦ The effects of storm water run-off on the properties 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 for all area land owners. If you are interested in having your property evaluated for more effective run-off management, contact Retta Barkley.
- Anyone interested in learning more about the environmental issues and ideas we discuss can go to the CMIA website for a complete list of resources.

AREA ORGANIZATIONS

http://www.severnriver.org

http://www.severnriverkeeper.org/default.html

http://www.gspcouncil.org/

shore erosion control and living shorelines

http://www.dnr.state.md.us http://www.cbtrust.org

general information on projects around the Chesapeake Bay area

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Impervious surface

http://www.aacounty.org/IP/EnvironmentalPrograms/CriticalAreas.cfm

http://mafsm.org/pdf/2007Conf/Design Construction.pdf

http://www.hometownannapolis.com/cgi-bin/readne/2007/01 29-35/TOP

Plants and plantings recommended for our area

http://www.nps.gov/plants/pubs/chesapeake/pdf/chesapeakenatives

http://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/BayScapes/bsresources/bs-nativeguides.htm #Bay

http://www.sustainable-gardening.com/Water-NoWater/Contents

http://www.sustainable-gardening.com/Perennials/index.php

Rain Gardens

http://www.lowimpactdevelopment.org/raingarden design

http://www.dof.virginia.gov/rfb/rain-gardens

http://www.raingardens.org

Bamboo Control and management

http://www.bamboo-inspiration.com/bamboo-control-and-containment.html

http://www.jmbamboo.com/barrier.htm

http://www.midatlanticbamboo.com/bamboo-info/bamboo-contain.htm

speed bumps and neighborhood traffic control measures

http://www.aacounty.org/DPW/Highways/NeighborhoodTraffic.cfm

CMIA and Unity Gardens, Inc. Planting Day

Oct. 3rd was a fantastic day for gardening! About 30 community volunteers showed up with gloves and shovels to plant native gardens at Sunset beach, Hillbottom beach and the newly cleaned-up Crab Away pier. These three gardens now have area native plants and are designed to be functional as well as beautiful.

Funding for Crab Away was provided by a Unity garden, **Inc grant.** This was our first step in implementing "Bay Friendly" garden projects. We will continue to use similar designs to illustrate the benefits of non-structural erosion and ecosystem management ideas in many more of our community projects. CMIA would like to thank the Benfield Blvd. Pizza Hut for donating pizzas to our hungry crew.







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CMIA COMMUNITY MEETINGS

IMPORTANT:

The next Community Meeting
will be held on
Tuesday, December 8th
at 7:00 PM
at the Severna Park Baptist Church.

Spring meeting is Tuesday, March 1st Same time, same place. See you there.