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The ABC's of Mosquito Control

In the wake of a wet winter and spring, we are anticipating a buggy summer. As we look forward to time spent outside there are ways reduce the mosquito population in your yards and our community. Mosquitoes need standing water for their eggs to hatch and can do so in **as little as a bottle cap or table-spoon of water**. Mosquitoes can hatch in places like gutters, planters and other poorly drained outdoor spaces. Almost everyone has their very own mosquito nursery.

Pay Attention: Inspect your yard for standing water and remove any unused containers, tarps, trash bags or old tires that can collect water.

Use Barriers: Integrated pest management uses the least amount of chemicals. Use insecticides including mosquito-elimination barrier treatment around the home and yard with caution. Dress in long-sleeved, white or light colored clothing and avoid going out in the early morning and evening when mosquitoes are most active or use an insect repellant.

Circulate or change water in outdoor dog bowls, bird-baths and the bottoms of flower pots frequently.

Regularly **Dump** any containers that can hold water for more than five days at a time such as rain gauges, outdoor candles and planters, canoes, baby pools, wheelbarrows, etc.

Eliminate standing water in the gutters, around any DIY construction projects. Tarps are a major contributor to standing water.

More information is available at the MD State website: http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mosquito_control.aspx or at the EPA site: <http://www2.epa.gov/mosquitocontrol>

Upcoming Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, June 3 at 7:00 PM
Severna Park Baptist Church

- Committee & Community Reports
- Updates on Community Projects:
 - New Club House Update
 - Living Shoreline at Crab Away Pier
 - Hillbottom Retaining Wall
- Invasive Vegetation Cleanup
- Future Replanting Unity Garden
- CMIA Community Picnic

CMIA Mosquito Spraying

Community spraying will be on Monday evenings from 7pm—2am June to September. CMIA participates in the AACo. Adult Mosquito control spraying Program. 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.

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Summer Reminders

It's summer in Carrollton Manor!

This is the time of year when everyone comes out to play around the neighborhood. People are walking and biking, kids are playing on the beach, swimming, and fishing, families are picnicking, and boaters are headed to the river. Please help everyone enjoy the season and keep our beaches clean!

Here are some CMIA Reminders, Property Rules and Guidelines for the Summer Season:

- Clean up after your pets! CMIA provides dog waste bags at both beaches for your convenience; please use them.
- **Drive carefully** through our narrow streets and look out for people and pets that may not be looking out for you.
- If you are planning some time at any of our CMIA beach properties, please remember the beaches belong to everyone in the community. **Please be considerate of others and remember the following guidelines:**
 - Please Share the grill and tables, and keep music at a soft level - sound travels over the water and everyone has different music tastes.
 - Please be aware of your conversations and language when at the beach or on the water—there are children around!
 - The sandy hill at Hillbottom Beach is eroding badly- climbing and playing on the hill is causing further damage. Please stay off the hill.
 - Clean up any trash you bring - or see- from bottles to butts.
 - **Watch your children in the water-** not all children are strong swimmers and rambunctious water play can be dangerous. No lifeguards are on duty so please watch your children as they play in the river.
 - If you are thinking of hosting a gathering or party at our beaches, please contact a member of the BOD. Hillbottom Beach is a very popular community destination on summer weekends. It is a small beach with a lot of users. It is not available for exclusive private use on weekends. We also have Sunset Beach and Crab Away Pier available for your enjoyment. **All gatherings must abide by the CMIA beach rules with respect and consideration of other beach goers and surrounding residents.**
- Please remember the following guidelines when using the Boat Ramp:
 - Car pool or enjoy the walk to the beach. There is limited parking capacity. Be kind and leave space for the elderly and handicapped. **** ONLY cars with CMIA parking stickers can park in the Hillbottom Beach lot.** Display your sticker on the windshield to avoid towing.
 - Do not block access to the boat ramp, street, or parking lot entrance with cars, trailers or beach furniture.
 - Please do not store any watercraft on the beach or in the woods overnight. They help breed insects and can be a safety hazard.
 - **Back boat trailers up into wooded area on the left side of the lot.** Park close and straight-This allows a better traffic flow and more parking.
 - When using the boat ramp- please be mindful of others who may be waiting. Move your boat or vehicle out of the ramp area promptly.
 - Please remember to close the black gate and ramp gate – Hillbottom Beach has a history of being a party spot. Not everyone will respect our beach as we do - vandalism and property trashing is costly to everyone.

Come out and enjoy all the advantages of living on the Severn River!

The Benefits of Using “NATIVE PLANTS”

Planting native plants in your yard is an excellent way to increase wildlife habitat and help the Chesapeake Bay. What are native plants? Native plants are flowers, ferns, trees, shrubs, and grasses that have always grown in our region. They are the plants you often see growing naturally in forests and roadside meadows. Because they have always grown here, native plants are adapted to our soil, climate, and pests. This means they don't need to be watered, fertilized, or sprayed with insecticides like non-native plants. Native plants provide the best source of food such as seeds, berries, and nectar for bees, birds, butterflies, and other wildlife. Using native plants will likely attract more honeybees, hummingbirds, and butterflies to your yard. There are added benefits to using native plants:

Water Quality and Quantity and Pollutant Reduction

Conventional lawns and gardens often require high maintenance and receive large inputs of pesticides, fertilizers, water and time, and require a lot of energy—human as well as gas-powered—to maintain. A yard with 10,000 square feet of turf requires 10,000 gallons of water per summer to stay green. When we replace portions of our lawn with native trees, shrubs and perennials, we reduce the amount of chemicals and water we need to use. We also reduce the amount of excess water that runs off our properties during rain events.

In managing our yards and gardens, we tend to over-apply products, using 100 million tons of fertilizer and more than 80 million pounds of pesticides annually. When it rains, these chemicals often find their way into our local waterways and impact our waterways.

Deep rooted plants, such as most trees, shrubs and perennials, are able to make better use of rain water than typical lawn grasses, and so require less watering once established. They are also better at trapping and removing nitrogen and pollutants from rain water so that it is not released into nearby waterways. By replacing some of your lawn area with deep rooted plants, you can have a positive impact on water quality.

The high volume of water that runs into storm drains in most urban and suburban areas during rain and snow melt events also has negative effects on our rivers, lakes and streams. Storm drains generally flow directly to these waterways. The high volume of water and resulting force gouges out the stream channel, destroying habitats for fish, and the plants and aquatic insects they depend upon. This water is also generally a higher temperature than water that has trickled slowly into surface waters through natural areas.

When we allow run-off from roofs, driveways and sidewalks to be filtered by the vegetation on our properties, we can reduce the pollutants, volume, and temperature of the water that reaches our local waterways. Reducing pollutants that seep and flow into the Sever River is one way everyone can help clean up and improve the river we all enjoy.

The best way to figure out which plants are native is to explore a book or online guide that describes native plants. Here are three excellent resources to help you get started:

- National Park Service: Native Plant List for Maryland—<http://www.nps.gov/plants/pubs/nativesmd/lists.htm>
- Maryland Native Plant Society—<http://www.mdflora.org/>
- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center—<http://www.wildflower.org/collections/collection.php?collection=MD>

There is an important distinction between *naturalized* plants and *native* plants. Naturalized plants, such as Queen Anne's lace, and English Ivy are not native to our region and spread on their own. Some naturalized plants may actually be invasive, which is bad for your yard and for wildlife. Invasive plants are non-native plants, primarily exotic plants, that originated in another part of the country or world. They are a concern because they may: 1) spread out of control and overwhelm native vegetation; 2) mix with native plants altering their genetic makeup; 3) harbor pests harmful to other plants; and 4) produce toxins lethal to certain animals.

When one species takes over a large area it can also alter hydrological patterns, fire regimes and soil chemistry, moisture-holding capacity, wildlife habitat, and erodibility. All told, invasive plants cause billions of dollars of damage each year and tens of millions of dollars are spent annually trying to control them. One of the more notorious examples is kudzu, a quick-growing vine that was introduced in the Southeastern US as a quick-growing groundcover for disturbed areas like highway embankments. A native of Asia, it has now spread from East Texas to New England where it has smothered 7 million acres of forest. Avoid their use and consider removing them from your landscape.

Visit the EPA website on Invasive Plants in the Mid-Atlantic for more information:
<http://www.epa.gov/reg3esd1/garden/invasives.htm>

Mark Your Calendar **Upcoming Community Events**

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.

June 17th at 7:00pm—CMIA Book Club Meeting:

Our current selection is Middlesex by Jeffrey Eugenides. Anyone is welcome and if you are interested, please contact Kristin Silva at ka_silva@verizon.net for more details.

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.

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. 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 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

Babysitting: Call Colby Carbo, 410-703-7925 or email lax-girl27@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.

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 to submit your free ad. Space is limited so act now.

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CMIA Annual Plant and Yard Sale Recap

We hope everyone found or sold a treasure during this year's CMIA community Plant and Yard sale. Thanks to all who stopped by to purchase or encourage us. The CMIA tables and plant sales raised over \$450.00 for our community's future social activities and events. This year's plant sales were fantastic! We sold over a truck-load of plants to beautify many gardens and yards. We also sold two rain barrels from Arlington Echo to community residents, supporting not only CMIA but also the Severn River! A win for all! The proceeds from the plant and yard, support our CMIA "social fund" including children's events, picnic, and fun social activities.

An extra special 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.

A special Thanks also to **Lisa, Carolyn, Jen and Don**, for their help and support in picking up plants, setting up and cleaning up of the CMIA area and plant sale. CMIA would also like to thank the Cullember, Urban Families, and the family at the corner of Center/Severn, as well as everyone else who gave through the year, for donating treasures to support CMIA.

An extra special thank you yet again to **DIEHL'S PRODUCE** on Robinson Rd for their generous support of CMIA. Diehl's works with us by ordering native plants and allows us to sell on consignment. No other nursery supports local communities like Diehl's. Please remember Diehl's for all your garden and produce needs.

Please consider volunteering next year—we always need help. If you are interested, or have donations for next year's event, please contact Carolyn at 410-279-3004 or Carri585@earthlink.net.

A More Beautiful Community: CMIA Beautification Day

THE "WONDER WOMEN OF CMIA" ROCK!

On April 26th CMIA Beautification Day, Carolyn, Jen, Kristin, Roxanne, Ishi, Chris, Lisa, Patty, Makalia, Pam, Stephanie, Kristen B, Beth, and Ivan donned their gloves and grabbed their shovels to make our community BEAUTIFUL! We planted over 200 plants, mostly native perennials, at all the CMIA properties including the beaches, tree islands, and the community signs. It was a beautiful day and we had lots of fun, knowing we were working to make OUR community blossom and bloom!

If you want to help us beautify the community that we all love and enjoy, please come out next year to join us. Notices are posted and published each spring. It is a day of fun and the rewards last all summer long! If you would like information on the perennial, native, plants we planted please contact Lisa Bender for a plant list.

CMIA would like to thank Anne Guillette of LID Studios for helping us get all our perennials at wholesale prices!



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. The board will review recommendations. Thanks you for your support of the Carrollton Manor Community Association.

March CMIA Meeting Highlights

- Additional "Speed Calming devices" in the community will be investigated
- Stephanie Fleming is soliciting and investigating ideas for HillBottom Beach
- Capital Project Updates:
 - The next step for the Club House project is to submit drawings for permitting. Residents unanimously approved \$650.00 cost for a Permit Runner to handle all of the permitting needs for the new Club House.
 - Options for repairing the Hillbottom retaining wall are being investigated. Lisa will be working on this as part of her WSA Capstone project. A recommendation to grade the lot for run-off away from the parking lot was discussed. Lisa presented two options; one estimate was \$3,000.00 and the second plan was estimated at \$1500.00.
 - Community Signs are in need of refreshing and repair – project needs to be investigated

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!

Severna Park 4th of July Parade Float

Any interest in creating a Carrollton Manor 4th of July float for the annual Severna Park Parade in 2014? Resident children are also encouraged to decorate their bikes and ride along. Come to the June meeting if you are interested in volunteering.



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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

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 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 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. To be added to the CMIA Events email, send your email address to CMIAkids@gmail.com

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Next Meeting: Jun. 3, 7:00pm

Fall Meeting: Sept. 2, 7:00pm

S.P. Baptist Church, Benfield Rd.

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