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# 2020 is a Change-over Year for CMIA Beach Keys & Parking Tags

#### **Spring Kayak Rack Lottery**

Slip Holders: Renew Your Slip Rental

All CMIA Beach Keys and Parking Tags will change in 2020. Please make time to come to 'Key Day' on March 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Baptist Church on Benfield Road. (last one—next year in the new Clubhouse).

The contract form will be posted on our website prior to Key Day or you can fill it out when you get there. Please bring car registration for a parking pass—proof that the car is registered to a CMIA address.

New locks will be installed on May 1, 2020 so keep your keys until then.

Slip holders can sign and pay for their slip on the dock and you can sign up for the Kayak rack lottery. One entry per household. With over 500 homes, we have to try to give everyone a chance.

After Key Day, we will be at Hillbottom on random evenings if you miss Key Day. These random days are usually posted on Facebook and often coincide with Friday Family Fun nights. Sorry, keys are not be available 'on demand.' If you are new resident, call us for information. Watch our website, Facebook page, and 'Sign Island' for more

Join us in person at the next ...

### **Community Meeting**

All welcome

Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. Severna Park Baptist Church, Benfield Road

NOTE: We are now meeting upstairs; please enter by the rectory door.

- Community property project updates and ideas
- Club house construction
- Spring CMIA community events
- Committee reports and updates
- Local area activities
- Future community project ideas

# Neighborhood News and Updates

### **Highlights from the December 2019 CMIA Community Meeting**

Sept. 2019 minutes approved

Welcome to new BOD officer and treasurer, Joan Leahy

Security: Officers are monitoring stop signs and issuing warnings and citations for failure to stop and cell phone use Treasurers report: presented with current CMIA account activity, expense details, and totals.

Proposed 2021 SCBD budget draft presented

Carolyn explained details required by AACo for SCBD funds, CMIA usage, and reporting

Discussion on how to share info to residents.

SCBD 2021 budget unanimously approved

Area Programs: Lisa reviewed recent activities

GSPC meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., SP Library.

SRA meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., Union Jack's, Annapolis

Community Announcements

Winter and Spring CMIA events discussed: Look for dates on Facebook and future newsletters Old Business

Club House groundbreaking Spring 2020. Look for dates on Facebook

Dead tree, at Sunset, and trimming of Sign Island Crepe Myrtles approved

Hillbottom lot runoff being investigated to prevent washout; discussion on reopening the grading report other engineering plans

Boat ramp repairs need to be investigated; possible replacement needed

Mooring bids being investigated

2019 Picnic was a success! Thank you, Bo and team. for all of your work to make this a great event

#### **New Business**

- Resident asked about sidewalk installation in the community. Initial discussion included some of the issues
  that might make this difficult and would need to be explored. Lisa shared that the County has been working
  on Jumpers Hole sidewalks for 5 yrs. In our community, County and ADA spec, require setbacks into
  adjoining properties and permission from all homeowners on the side of street and a petition to AACo's.
  DPW, and Planning/Zoning. Volunteers needed to collect more info/specs and develop a detailed plan of
  action.
- Resident spoke about possibility of expanding community reach (online) using platforms like Google Forms.
   Allison Hamilton spoke to how electronic messaging/broadcasting practices could be aligned to reach more community residents, including Zoom to broadcast community meetings. Discussions about the needs, abuse, equipment, procedure, manpower, knowledge, skills sets, qualifying, and interactive extent of electronic communications. Volunteers needed to collect more information and develop a plan.

#### About The Eagle mailing labels:

CMIA gets mailing labels from the Anne Arundel County Tax Assessor. The county updates the labels once a year. Updates occur as we receive them. If you want to correct your name or address, send an email to Carolyn Rogers at Carri585@earthlink.net



## Kudos to our Volunteers! Thank You from All of Us



......2019 Pier Day volunteers and Beautification Day volunteers for making our the pier safer by replacing boards and adding posts to the finger pier at the boat ramp and upgrading the security cameras and finally for making our gardens bloom beautifully.



......Holiday Decoration Elves (and pups) for decorating Sign Island and the Benfield Road sign



The following **Volunteer Opportunities** are available

- •Sand spreading at Hillbottom.
- •4th of July Float for SP Parade
- •Kid's Activities (Halloween, Easter, films other)
- •Help install a picnic table at Crab Away or Sunset
- •Help install a bench and ladder at Crab Away and stain the pier.
- •Help plan and build a small Kayak Rack at Crab Away or Sunset
- •Organize a Community Composting Information Day.

Contact any of the Board members or email us on

CMIA@googlegroups.com

Do you have an idea for a project or event? Bring a detailed plan of action to the Community meeting. Or call us about bringing ideas to a Board meeting and let us discuss and brainstorm your thoughts into a possible reality for Carrollton Manor.

# Hello. Goodbye.

**WELCOME Joan Leahy as our new Treasurer.** Joan and Dan have lived in Carrolton Manor for 2 years. They are both from the Philly area but Have lived in various cities across the US. Joan has a varied work career career including medical software installations and nurse practitioner.



### 2020 Spring Events—Mark Your Calendars!

Want to Help Carrollton Manor be an Even Better Place to Live? Join Us...

All TBA dates will be announced on CMIA Facebook page, 'I live in Carrollton Manor' and/or with signs when finalized.

CMIA Beautification and Planting Day Saturday May 2, 9:00 a.m. At Hillbottom Beach Come play in the dirt. We will be cleaning up community gardens and planting new colors and natives to enjoy all season. Come for an hour or come for the day. We have a great time and get to watch our efforts blossom and bloom. Can't join us? Then consider collecting trash on your walks around the neighborhood. A 'trash walk' is a great way to explore our community and helps kids develop a sense of community spirt and pride.

#### Crab Away Pier TLC Day - TBA

Crab Away seems like a secret hide-away. It's a great place to crab and fish but needs some TLC. We need volunteers to help stain the pier with sealant and install a bench and ladder. Also, we need help to 'back plant' the living shoreline area with sea/marsh grasses.

Build your castles in the sand --TBA but before Memorial Day weekend at Hillbottom Beach
Before Memorial Day weekend, we will have sand delivered to Hillbottom Beach. We need a good crew to help spread the sand.

#### **Children's Events**

We need someone to plan and organize CMIA Children's events. Contact Jen Davis if interested

#### CMIA Fourth of July Float plan and build

Anyone interested in creating a Carrollton Manor Float for the 2020 Fourth of July Parade? Last year, thanks to Kristin Bloom and her crew, CMIA had a 1<sup>st</sup> prize float. Details should be released soon, but now is the time to start planning.

**Quarterly Community Meetings** are held quarterly on the first Tuesday of March, June, Sept and December. Elections are held in October at a special election meeting. Our current meeting location is the Severna Park Baptist Church on Benfield Road. All are welcome.

Please remember that all CMIA properties, including our beaches, are use at your own risk properties. CMIA is not responsible for damage, loss, or injury when using community property.

### Stranger Danger—See Something? Say Something—to the Police

If you see a criminal, or suspicious, activity in progress, <u>call 911</u> and report it immediately. There is also a non-emergency number: 410-222-6145. Don't think that you are over-reacting, let the police prioritize the situation. ALL CALLS CAN BE MADE ANONYMOUSLY.

When we were young, we were all taught about 'stranger danger' - someone stopping to offer you candy or a ride. (I heard a rumor that someone posted something on our Facebook page about recent incidents). I was talking with our local police officer the other day and we discussed the need to call and report every incident to the police - no matter how trivial it seems. Even if the police don't show up to take a report, any descriptive information of the people/vehicles allows the police to be on the alert for the vehicle or person of interest. If spotted, they might stop the vehicle and talk. On occasion, it has lead them to uncover bigger violations - outstanding warrants, etc. Either way, increased police presence makes it an uncomfortable environment for those contemplating a crime.

## Pier Ye, Pier Ye

Slip holders: Renew your 2020 contracts on Key Day. Please remember to bring your boat registration and proof of insurance. If you plan on giving up or not using your slip this year, please call **Don Price at 410.647.1189** as soon as possible.

**Pier Slips:** Anyone interested in adding their name to the Pier Slip Wait List may fill out the application found at <a href="https://www.CarrolltonManor.us">www.CarrolltonManor.us</a> and mail it to CMIA with a check for \$25.00. Please include valid phone numbers as we will need to call you. The Wait List is updated annually on our website but is kept current by Pier Committee.

The \$25.00 Wait List fee is a one-time application fee. Your name will remain on the list, by date received, until you accept a slip or move. When a slip becomes available, the Pier Committee calls every name, in chronological order, until the slip is accepted. Refusal of a slip, when called, will not affect your position on the list. There are people on the Wait List who refuse a slip annually but remain on the list 'just in case' they get a boat. The pier is a community asset, but it does not receive CMIA SCBD funds. It is owned by the community and managed by the Pier Committee, overseen by the BOD and financed by the slip holders. Slip placement is not ownership and requires compliance with Pier and Community rules.

The Pier Committee may determine from time to time that there are slip sublets. Sublets may be available for a weekend or longer. Availability is determined by Pier Committee. Sublets are processed *on a first-come, first-served basis*, and are <u>not guaranteed</u>. If interested, please contact **Don Price at 410.647.1189** to get on the sublet list.

#### ATTENTION BOATERS: Save 50% Off Regular Annual BOAT U.S. Dues by Using CMIA Co-op #GA81464B

CMIA has a cooperative agreement with BOAT U.S. that offers reduced annual dues to Carrollton Manor residents. Membership benefits include: special discounts and Member Rewards with purchases, discounts at more than 600 marinas, boat insurance, on-the-water towing services, and a one-year subscription to BOAT U.S. Magazine. Use our Co-op number when you sign up.







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## **Spring Tips**

The days are finally getting warmer, and everyone is starting to come out to play.

Please drive carefully through our narrow streets. Look out for everyone who is not looking out for you. You never know when a child or pet will dart out into the street.

Yard waste and tree trimmings should be composted or placed at the curb for weekly pickup. Do not use plastic bags—the county will not pick up yard waste in plastic bags. Please do not dump your yard waste on CMIA Community Property, or in the street. Yard waste in the streets blocks storm drains and may add to trash build up and pollutants entering the river. You may think it is only leaves, but it builds up into debris and becomes trash.

Pick up all pet waste and dispose of it properly. The bacteria in poop seeps into the ground and washes down the storm drains into the Severn. It is a major pollutant of our waters. We have poop bags available at Hillbottom and Sunset.

Pot holes can be reported to AA Co. on the Pothole Hotline at 410-222-7045 or potholes@aacounty.org.

Street light outages should be reported to BG&E at 410-685-0123.

County road infrastructure concerns can be reported to 410-222-4349.

# Kayak Lottery

Carrollton Manor has a 24-slot kayak rack at Hillbottom Beach built by volunteers and which has been enlarged several times and we are running into expansion limitations at that location. Unfortunately, there are still not enough slots to accommodate everyone so we have an annual lottery for rack slots. We know some people will be disappointed not to receive a spot for the season. We also see that some who were awarded a slot last year only use their kayaks a few times per season or use the rack for storage.

Please be considerate of others and accept a rack slot only if you plan to actively and regularly use your kayak. We need to graciously share community assets as they are limited. We are looking into building another rack for smaller kayaks at Crab Away or Sunset beaches, but details need to be worked out. Until a second rack can be built, we will continue with the current process.

#### Kayak/Canoe Rack Lottery Process and Rules

- Entries will be available at the Community Meeting and Key Day or on <a href="www.Carrolltonmanor.us">www.Carrolltonmanor.us</a>. No phone calls, please. Email on line entries to CMIA@googlegroups.com. Entries due by March 31.
- Names will be drawn in April and winners will be notified. Contracts are valid May 1- December 1, 2020.
- Only one entry per CMIA household. Duplicate entries will be discarded.
- Rack slots will be assigned with Board supervision by the Kayak Rack Manager when contract is signed, and \$25.00 use fee is paid. Vessels placed on rack without a contract will be removed and spot forfeited.
- All boats must fit properly on rack, no alteration of slots allowed.
- Only one vessel is allowed per slot.
- Boats must be put on the rack within thirty (30) days of slot assignment. CMIA reserves the right to re-assign any
  rack space not occupied for thirty consecutive days. Boats stored on rack, but not used, will be considered
  abandoned, and asked to be removed. Fee is non-refundable.
- Please be considerate of others, and only accept a rack spot if you will be actively enjoying your boat.
- Canoes and watercraft without an assigned slip on rack will be considered abandoned and removed from any community properties.
- There is no storage of vessels allowed in the woods or on the beach. Any boats left in the woods, or on the beach will be considered abandoned and removed.
- You are responsible for securing your boat. CMIA is not responsible for any damage or loss.

### CMIA Keys and Tags are Changing May 1, 2020

**Key Day** Saturday, March 21 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Severna Park Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 506 Benfield Rd. (across from Carrollton Manor)

Every two years in the Spring, CMIA changes **ALL CMIA BEACH AND PIER LOCKS and CMIA PARKING TAGS.** This includes the Hillbottom Beach main gate, boat ramp gate and pier gate, as well as the gate at Crab Away Pier. CMIA parking tags/stickers, which authorize resident parking on the Hillbottom Beach lot, will also change. New keys and tags will be in effect May 1 so keep your old keys to use until then.

Don't risk being locked out from Hillbottom, Crab Away and the boat ramp when you want because you didn't get your keys on time. Keys and tags will ONLY be available at organized events and will not be available on demand. If you miss Key Day, please do not call expecting to be able to get a key or tag immediately. After Key Day, we will be at Hillbottom on random evenings and will make keys and tags available. These random days are usually posted on Facebook and often coincide with Friday Family Fun nights. Watch our website, Facebook page, and 'Sign Island' for more information.

#### Instructions

- Complete application in full, and legibly [vehicle registration cards, or copies required].
- We are currently reviewing the contracts. Please check <u>www.carrolltonmanor.us</u> and Facebook for updated forms before Key Day for convenience, however, forms will be available at Key Day and can be filled out on the spot.
- Bring your driver's license, or proof of residency, and the vehicle registration cards (copies and pics are okay)
  with license plate/tag numbers and make, model, and color of each vehicle receiving a CMIA parking tag. Keys
  and parking tags will not be issued without proper documentation.
- Only residents of Carrollton Manor, and their cars, can be authorized to park in the Hillbottom lot.

Fees for 2020/2022 Please bring exact change or checks made payable to CMIA: no credit cards accepted.

Hillbottom Beach/Crab Away Pier Black Gate Key
Hillbottom Boat Ramp Key

Parking Tag

\$ 7.00
\$25.00
\$ 2.00

#### Why Do We Have Parking Tags and Keys?

Hillbottom Beach and the other Carrollton Manor amenities are paid for and maintained by our community. We have over 500 homes in CMIA and the Hillbottom parking lot is small. Every year we receive complaints from residents that they have been unable to park vehicles, launch a boat, or otherwise enjoy the beaches because of guests, or non-residents using our beach/boat ramp and filling the [small] parking lot. So, parking tags are a way for us to identify community members' vehicles and politely ask others to leave. Consider carpooling when possible.

Our community beach properties are available for Carrollton Manor residents to use and enjoy. We have locking gates at Hillbottom and Crab Away to help protect these properties against abuse and misuse. Although problems are rare, some non-residents have used the boat ramp with borrowed keys and taken up parking spaces or there were parties with too many cars which blocked others from using the beach, left trash and disrespected our neighbors and community.

We try to close the Hillbottom gates at night to stop trespassing and have closed them during the day if problems have occurred or are anticipated. We ask that you respect your community by supporting these practices. Carry your beach gate keys with you.

However, we also ask that everyone practice good sense and consideration. Locking your neighbors in is not necessary. Every year we have people including kids and sometimes dogs locked in at the beach. When you are locking the gate, please make sure anybody inside has their keys or give them the opportunity to leave. If they don't live here, you are supporting CMIA policies/ If they do live here, you are being a considerate neighbor. We are a community, let's work together.

#### Carrollton Manor Improvement Association

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# **Connect with Your Community:**

Community meetings are held quarterly.

Facebook: Live in Carrollton Manor.com
Start here and sign up for residents only access.

Email: CMIA@googlegroups.com

Website: www.Carrolltonmanor.us

### **Community Sharing Online**

Facebook can e a wonderful way to share ideas, information, announce events, look for services and communicate with your friends and neighbors. When posting, please be civil and remember that we are are a community.

