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# **Upcoming Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, June 1, 2010 7:00 PM at the Severna Park Baptist Church Benfield Blvd.

- Update on Erosion control projects
- Capital project updates
- Pier Updates
- Community Sponsored Events
- Nominations for the Board of Directors

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

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The following **Volunteer Opportunities** are available:

Two CMIA Board positions will becoming up for election in October. Anyone interested in joining CMIA BOD is welcome to submit their names for nomination.

We are also looking for Special Volunteers for

- Social Committee Chair
- ◆ CMIA representative to attend the Greater Severna Park Council.
- Assistance with Beach Sand Replenishment
   Contact any Board member if you are interested.

# **Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Events**

**Show your CMIA Pride:** Coming soon to the CMIA website is the CMIA Shameless Commerce Store. CMIA T-Shirts, Bags, and hats are available on our website.

<u>COMMUNITY BEACH GAMES:</u> Join in the Volleyball and Horseshoe games at HillBottom Beach! Friday Nights are now Family Fun nights in Carrollton Manor.

Come to Hillbottom Beach Friday nights 6:30 for all the excitement. For details- Call Bo Dant- 410-544-9556 or ...'COME ON DOWN'.....!!!

Annual Community Yard Sale: Saturday May 15th from 8am to 2pm. Either set up at your house or join us at Sign Island. We will advertise in the papers and put out signs. We will have two community tables at Sign Island: a plant table and a white elephant table filled with your donations. Dividing your perennials this year? Cleaning out the garage? Donate your extras to CMIA. Diehl's Produce stand across from S.P Library is providing native plants Rainbarrels, compost bins, Rain gardens and other Bay-Friendly practices that will help improve the Severn River and the Chesapeake Bay. If you don't have time to participate but are willing to donate plants or items to either community table, bring them by on Saturday. Proceeds will go to replenish our social fund. If you miss the great ideas, check our CMIA website for links. There are many ways everyone can help reduce runoff and clean up our River.

**Annual Community Picnic:** On Saturday **June 26th,** plan on an afternoon of fun at Hillbottom Beach. We do **need some volunteers to help plan this event**. We are planning on a new format this year: free admission, bring a side dish and a chair. Burgers, dogs and beer will be available at a nominal cost. The volleyball net will be up and we are looking for someone to organize fun games for the younger children.

<u>CMIA Book Club:</u> Our Neighborhood book club is going strong. We read a variety of books from classic to modern. Our selections range from classics to contemporary but if you haven't read the latest selection you can join us anyway. If you would like to attend, send an email to KASilva@comcast,net for the date, time, book title and directions to the next gathering.

**Sept. Community Meeting:** The Fall meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 7th at 7:00 pm at the Benfield Baptist Church on Benfield Blvd. The agenda will be in the next newsletter.

<u>Stay Tuned:</u> We are working to bring guest speakers and workshops on various Bay Friendly Topics. Watch Sign Island and the website for Announcements and Events.

<u>Yard waste or tree trimmings</u> should be placed at the curb for pick up, not dumped on CMIA Community Property. We have been working hard to beautify our neighborhood and dumping on East Drive, Severn Rd, Park Rd, and the woods at Hillbottom is our responsibility to cleanup. The community had to pay for the removal of the tree branches left at Crab Away Pier after this winter's storm.

# **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

<u>Heavy Lifting:</u> Zubin Pancholi, SPHS student and aspiring US Marine currently benches 150lb. If you are cleaning out or re-arranging, I will lift the heavy stuff—one item or multiple items. No job too small. Call or text me at 443-510-5524.

Student residents of CMIA can submit a classified advertising dog-waling, baby-sitting or other service for free in The Eagle. Contact Carolyn Rogers at 410-279-3004 or Carri585@earthlink.net to submit your free ad. Limit 40 words per ad. Space is limited.

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## Pier Ye, Pier Ye

It's that wonderful time of year when nautical hearts, young & old, turn to the challenges of readying our vessels for the launch of a new boating season.

Please note that all locks and parking stickers have been changed as of April 9th. New keys will be good for 2 years. If you missed Key Day and to avoid being locked out of Hillbottom Beach, Ramp & Pier as well as CrabAway Pier, please call Lillian Serio, 410-647-5450 for a new key and parking stickers. Checks payable to CMIA. Proof of Carrollton Manor residency is required.

Bulkhead repairs are scheduled to begin at the end of the boating season, in the fall of 2010

Anyone interested in adding their name to the **Pier Slip Wait List** should go to the CMIA website, www.CarrolltonManor.com, fill out the application and mail it together with a check for \$25.00. Postings continue to be updated on a regular basis.

In an effort to allow as many residents as possible to enjoy our community pier, weekly rentals will be made available again this season on a first-come, first serve basis.

#### ATTENTION BOATERS: Save 50% off regular Annual BOAT U.S. Dues!

CMIA has a cooperative agreement with BOAT U.S. that offers reduced annual dues to Carrollton Manor residents. Our 15-year "community partnership" asks us to inform you annually about this special savings program and make Boat U.S. literature available. Membership benefits include: a 700+ page catalog, special discounts and Member Rewards with purchases, discounts at more than 600 marinas, boat insurance, on-thewater towing services, and a 1-year subscription to BOAT U.S. Magazine, If you are signing up for a Boat U.S. Membership please mention our Co-Op #GA81464B to get your special rate.

Welcome Jamie Seger as the new Pier Committee Chair.

Thanks to all the **pier guys** who replaced the planks, and installed steps, on the Boat Ramp Finger pier. Everyone who launches a boat will appreciate your hard work.



#### Watch Our Community Bloom!!!!!

Our first Community Cleanup and Planting Day, in many years was a "budding" success. Thank you to all the people who came out to help beautify our community beaches, raingardens, and neighborhood with Chesapeake native plants. Patty, Megan, Makayla, Mary, Kristan, Retta, Ishi, Kim Blair and family, Donna and Betty's fantastic lunch, Anne and Mel's [EcoGardens] plant help, and the guys from Pier day who got roped in,- your hard work will be enjoyed all summer long!!!! A special thanks to Pat U for his continued upkeep and attention to Crab Away Pier. You all worked very hard to make this a great place to live. We all had a lot of fun and can't wait to see our efforts bloom.

Thank you to Paul Harris for the Carrollton Manor website at www.carrolltonmanor.com

#### This is OUR COMMUNITY.

Your time and effort help make it a cleaner, better community and a great place to live.

#### ::Thanks to all our volunteers::

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# **Notes from the March 2010 Community Meeting**

- The community picnic on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, will be a return to an "old-fashioned" picnic and more casual than the past few years. Food, beer, wine and sodas will be available on a pay-as-you-go basis. Bring a dish to share, and a chair or blanket to sit on. This is an attempt to cut costs as well as promote a friendly atmosphere.
- A mini-grant application was submitted to Chesapeake Bay to clean-up the hillside area of leaves and trash. We need to work on the living shoreline and will explore a loan through DNR.
- We want to submit a plan to work on the hill at Hillbottom Beach. If we are chosen, we have to pay 5% (\$10,000) as our portion of the \$200,000 to fix the erosion issue there. A motion to pursue this grant, with the understanding we would agree to the 5% was unanimously approved.
- A motion to allow the Board to apply for any grant with a community outlay of no more than \$20,000 in participation was unanimously approved.
- An idea to build a "wash off" area near the pier walkway will be investigated a proposal brought to the Board. This will be helpful for people to wash off before heading home.
- Due to the recent storms, trees have fallen in the buffer zone of the beach. We are working with the Dept of Forestry for permission to cut the trees down. Don offered to coordinate volunteers to do the work and rent a chipper. He feels with 6 people the work can be done and save the community a lot of money. We have one volunteer already.
- Volunteers are needed to help with the new sand that will be installed at Hillbottom and Sunset Beaches.
- A resident inquired about a bike rack for Hillbottom Beach to aid with parking. We agreed to pursue the possibility.
- The idea of an ice cream social for the end of the summer event was discussed. We have a resident who has expressed interest in planning this, if his schedule permits.
- A resident suggested we possibly have a DNR person come and speak to the children about crabbing, fishing and water safety. Discussion was also held about possible swimming lessons, which were previously offered free of charge by the YMCA for a certain number in a group.
- A discussion was held about a replacement clubhouse. We agreed to pursue the idea of a pavilion, with John Landry volunteering to do the analysis.

# **Security**

"Crime fighting works best when there's a partnership between alert citizens and a responsive Police Department," County Executive Leopold said.

CMIA has responsive police resources established through a good working relationship with the Board and we fund some added police presence within our community. In order for them to best help us, we need to help them. **Report basic information so the police can investigate concerns**. If you have any of the following to provide, such as a name, address, vehicle description, tag number, etc. pass it along to the AACounty Police Department or you may contact Donna Kochanski at 410-544-0008 (mondmk@aol.com) for assistance.

Security patrols will continue to monitor the neighborhood and the beaches, watching out for the safety of our residents and children. Remember to have your 2010 parking sticker on your vehicle if you park at Hillbottom Beach. Violations could result in your vehicle being towed.

#### **Carrollton Manor Notes**

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 underway Please help everyone enjoy the season!! Help keep our beaches clean!!

<u>Smile when you are at Hillbottom Beach!</u> Our new camera is up and working. It will cut down on the vandalism and problems we sometimes experience.

<u>CMIA beach properties belong to everyone in the community.</u> Please be considerate of others: **Share the grill and tables** and keep any radios and music at a reasonable volume. Guns, including but not limited to paintball guns, Airsoft, pellet and BBs, are strictly prohibited on any community beaches or property. **Watch your language**, sound magnifies near water and there are children around! **Clean up any trash** you bring or see from bottles to butts. Earn an extra gold star and pick up trash that was there before you arrived. **Watch your children** in the water- not all children are strong swimmers and rambunctious water play can be scary or dangerous. The sandy hill at Hillbottom Beach is eroding badly. **Climbing and playing on the hill is prohibited.** Please stay off the hill.

If you want to host 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 Crabaway 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.

ONLY cars with CMIA parking stickers can park in the Hillbottom Beach lot. Display your sticker on the windshield to avoid towing. Stickers and gate keys are available from Lillian Serio, 410-647-5450. Better yet, car pool or walk. There is limited parking capacity. Be kind and leave space for the elderly and handicapped.

<u>Trailer parking at Hillbottom Beach</u>: Back trailers up into the wooded area on the left side of the lot. 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.

<u>Do not store a boat on the beach!</u> Boats left on the beach and in the woods are not only an eye sore, but a potential danger to children and pets as well as a breeding ground for insects and rodents. Unattended boats will be considered abandoned and reported to DNR for removal.

<u>Using the boat ramp</u>: be mindful of others who may be waiting. **Promptly move** your boat or vehicle out of the ramp area. **Do not block access** to the boat ramp, street, or parking lot entrance with cars trailers or beach furniture. 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 and vandalism and property trashing is costly to everyone.

<u>Drive carefully</u> and be alert for children, joggers, walkers and dogs. At dusk or early morning, it's hard to see cars and people. If you are walking., working or jogging, wear reflective clothing if possible.

<u>Park well off the roads</u> so that all vehicles and especially emergency vehicles have enough room to get through. Do not stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection. do not park vehicles on the grass of our community properties, this includes The old Clubhouse property, Hillbottom Beach, and the corner of Arleigh and Hollywood

<u>Clean Up after your Pets:</u> Why you may ask? .Dog poop smells bad and it's full of nasty bacteria and nitrogen. Bacteria can make people very sick and lead to fish kills and algae blooms in the Bay. Wildlife eat what's available to them on the land but dogs eat dog food or table scraps making dog poop nastier and more lethal. **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 goes**. When you walk your pet, carry a bag to pick up waste and dispose of it properly.

#### **Our Environment**

#### Mosquito Spraying will begin in June, one night per week, between 7 PM and 7 AM.

CMIA will post the days the times for the Adult Mosquito control spraying provided by AACo on our website.

This free program designed to help control the mosquito population is most effective when combined with community residents' cleanup 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. You may contact the Program Supervisor at 410-841-5870, or the MD Department of Agriculture for the form.

#### **Tips to Rid Your Community of Mosquito Breeding Sites**

- 1. Clean rain gutters to allow water to flow freely.
- 2. Remove old tires or drill drainage holes in tires.
- 3. Store clay pots, plastic containers, wheelbarrows and plastic wading pools inside or turn them upside down when not in use.
- 5. Dispose of all empty beverage containers, plastic wrappers, discarded toys, etc.
- 6. Check for trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps used to cover boats, pools, etc. Arrange the tarp to drain the water.
- 7. Pump out bilges in boats. Turn canoes and small boats upside down for storage.
- 8. Replace water in bird baths at least twice a week.
- 9. Remove pet food and water dishes that are not being used.
- 10. Don't leave garbage can lids lying upside down. Be sure water does not collect in the bottom of garbage cans.
- 11. Flush water in the bottom of plant holders twice a week.
- 12. Fix dripping outside water faucets.
- 13. Check around construction sites or do-it-yourself improvements to ensure that proper backfilling and grading prevent drainage problems.
- 14. If ditches do not flow and contain stagnant water for one week or longer, they can produce large numbers of mosquitoes. Report such conditions to a Mosquito Control Office. Do not attempt to clear these ditches because they may be protected by wetland regulations.

Contact the Mosquito Control Section of the Maryland Department of Agriculture nearest you for additional assistance and advice. Maryland Department of Agriculture Mosquito Control Offices Annapolis (Headquarters) 410-841-5870

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#### **Decomposition Rate for Trash:**

Styrofoam cup 50 years Plastic bag 10—20 years Tin can 50 years Paper 2.5 months Cigarette Butt 10—12 years Plastic film canister 20—30 years Disposable Diaper Apple core 2 months 75 years Orange or banana peel - 2 to 5 weeks Beer can 200—500 year Glass bottle one million years Paper towel 2—4 weeks Plastic beverage bottle 450 years Monofilament fishing line 600 years Aluminum can 80 –200 years

Remember how long these items may stick around and the next time you see a bit of litter or trash, pick it up!

- ◆ CMIA is 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 at 410.591.0910.
- To learn more about the environmental issues and ideas, go to the CMIA website for a list of resources.

# **Spring Clean up Day Pictures**







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# CMIA COMMUNITY MEETINGS

#### **IMPORTANT**:

The next Community Meeting
will be held on
Tuesday, June 1st
at 7:00 PM
at the Severna Park Baptist Church
Benfield Blvd

Fall meeting is
Tuesday, Sept. 7th
7pm at Severna Park Baptist Church
See you there.