

# The Eagle

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[www.severnriver.org](http://www.severnriver.org)

## Community Beautification Day - Sat. May 4

Grab your gloves, shovels and community pride! This is a great event for all ages and a way to help kids understand the value of community spirit. We will be planting lots of native plants and flowers for everyone to enjoy all summer long! Activities may include some light debris removal, weeding and planting flowers at our community properties.

Contact Lisa Bender at 410.544.4874 for more information.

Can't participate on work day? Consider taking a family walk around the community collecting trash along the way. Meet your neighborhood AND help beautify CM.



Join us at the next...

### Community Meeting

**Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00 pm**

**Severna Park Baptist Church, Benfield Road**

- \* Community project updates
- \* Committee reports and updates
- \* Club house property
- \* Local area activities
- \* Spring CMIA community events

A more complete agenda MAY be posted on Facebook.

# Neighborhood News and Updates!

## *Highlights from the December 5, 2018 community meeting*

### **Pier**

- The pier has been winterized
- Pier and parking lot cameras are up and working

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Carolyn presented balances and summarized activities of CMIA, SCBD, and Pier Accounts
- SCBD [Special Community Benefit District] Fiscal Year 2020 \$150.00 p/CMIA property fee to continue unchanged
- Proposed 2020 SCBD Budget presented and explained and unanimously approved for submission to county

### **Area Program Updates**

- Lisa reviewed area programs and updates from GSPC and SRA
- Meeting announcements from SRA and GSPC are posted on CMIA facebook page
- SRA reports Severn River as a C- or D+ [better than Magothy]
  - Much of Severn pollution due to sediment and nitrogen/phosphorus runoff from creeks.
  - Presentations available on SRA Website

### **CMIA Community Announcements**

- CMIA Key Day is March 23, 2019 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Slip renewals begin March 23, 2019
- Kayak slip lottery names will be collected through March, with a drawing in April for May-Dec 2019 season
- Spring events to be announced

### **Old Business**

- The 9<sup>th</sup> annual picnic was great with a large turnout and a surprise wedding proposal/wedding. The event turned a profit of \$170.00
- First annual CMIA Marine Boat Swap event was a success

### **Updates and Reports**

- Club House plan drawing (first draft) presented by Lisa
- Church meeting room changed due to Cub Scouts taking larger space
- Crab Away fence replaced but erosion still an issue. Plan to place bioretention coils in the Spring
- Carolyn will contact an Asphalt company to check cost of a curb at Crab Away
- Dying Hill Bottom beach tree taken down
- Sunset sign needs vinyl and minor painting along with replacement of mulch/garden ties
  - Approved not to exceed \$500.00 from a prior 2018 meeting.
- Ramp lock is working after repairs

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## *Highlights from the December 5, 2018 community meeting, continued*

### **Updates and Reports, continued**

- Request for removal/replacement of CMIA chain link fence on CMIA property line by 633 Emerson Place (Homeowner Travis Loving). Request has been brought to community several times. Latest request is to replace chain link fence with vinyl split rail. Much discussion on plans.
- Written agreement with Travis proposed. New vinyl fence will be donated to the community after removal of the chain link, and on the same spot where current chain link exists
- Motion made to replace existing fence, on current footprint, with written agreement stating scope of work between CMIA BOD and Travis. All costs incurred by property owner to allow for replacement. Travis and CMIA BOD can work through details without having to take to future community meetings. Unanimous approval.

### **New Business**

- Flags to be at half-staff for 30 days
- Black gate functionality to be looked at
- Crab Away lock and hardware needs replacement

*Below: a few of the many snowmen that popped up across CM this winter.*





# 2019 CMIA Key Day & Canoe Rack Lottery

*Sat. March 23, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.*

## *Severna Park Baptist Church*

New to Carrollton Manor? Didn't get your keys or parking tags last year? Come to Key Day! Don't risk being locked out of Hillbottom Beach, or the Crab Away pier, because your keys and tags aren't current! Note: Keys and tags purchased in 2018 will work until 2020 season.

### **Gate Keys & Parking Tags**

Black gate keys: [Hillbottom Beach/Crabaway pier]	\$ 7.00
Boat ramp:	\$ 25.00
Parking stickers:	\$ 2.00

Parking stickers are required to park your car at Hillbottom Beach.

Please bring checks made payable to CMIA or cash—no credit cards. Bring your license, or proof of residency, and registration cards for each vehicle needing a parking tag. License plate tag numbers and make, model, color of vehicle are required. Tags and keys will not be issued otherwise.

**Note: Keys will not be available on demand after Key Day. After that date, advanced arrangements will be required to obtain keys and parking tag/stickers.**

### **Kayak/Canoe Rack Lottery**

Entries available at Key Day and at the March CMIA meeting. Names will be pulled in April and you will be notified if you have "won" a slot. Season runs May 1 - Dec. 1, fee is \$25.00.

Canoes and watercraft without an assigned slip or rack will be considered "abandoned" and removed from any community properties. Once assigned a rack, you are responsible for securing your boat.

Boats to be on the rack within thirty days of assignment. CMIA reserves the right to re-assign any rack space not occupied for thirty consecutive days, or used for storage. Fee is non-refundable.

### *Update on W. Benfield Rd.*

Unfortunately, DPW has reported that W. Benfield Rd. will not reopen until late 2019. Completion of the 'Shipley's Dam' replacement has been delayed due to a rainy wet 2018. Please continue to be patient with all the detours and delays.



# April Showers Bring May Flowers

There may still be snow on the ground but, if you are like me, you are staring out the window and dreaming up plans for spring. CMIA has been beautifying our community properties with a focus on using native plants. HillBottom Beach has been certified as 'Bay Wise'- a Bay Friendly property that will support the healing of the Severn, with minimizing pollution footprints practices. This year, as you plan your summer garden and yard, consider native landscaping.

Using native plants in your yard is an excellent way to help the Chesapeake Bay. Native plants are the flowers, ferns, trees, shrubs, and grasses that have always grown, and are adapted to our area. They don't need the amount of fertilization and insecticides as non-native plants, and require less watering and maintenance to thrive. When we replace our lawns with native trees, shrubs and perennials, we reduce the amount of chemicals and water run-off from our properties during rain events, carrying pollutants directly into storm drains and the Severn River. Native plants generally have deep root systems that can help the negative pollutants from runoff and help reduce and control erosion.

Reducing pollutants that seep and flow into the Severn River is one way everyone can help clean up and improve the river we all enjoy.

It is also important to eliminate, or replace, non-native and aggressive, invasive plants in your yard. Invasive plants, such as English ivy, bamboo, and kudzu, may harbor harmful pests and can easily spread out of control - overwhelming and killing native, more beneficial vegetation.

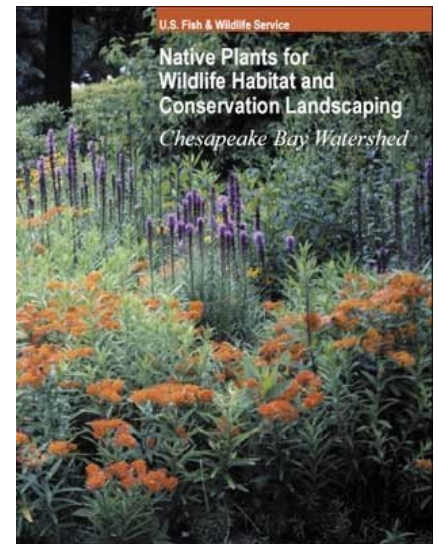
Native plants in your yard is an excellent way to increase wildlife habitat. Native plants provide the best source of food for birds, butterflies and other critters. So, plant a Butterfly, Songbird, Humming Bird, or Critter Garden this year and enjoy all the wonders of going 'native'.

Native wildflowers, flowering vines, shrubs, and trees offer a wide range of colors, textures and forms to create dynamic seasonal displays. Grasses and sedges have interesting flowers and seed heads and yellow-orange fall color. Shrubs and trees have fall color and berries that persist into the winter. Choosing a wide assortment of plants ensures seasonal interest, with the bonus of attracting colorful birds, butterflies and insects.

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

US Fish & Wildlife Service:  
Chesapeake Ecology Center:  
Friendly Landscaping Resource List:  
Bay Scape gardens:  
RainScaping:  
Ten Ways to a Bay Friendly Lawn:

[www.nativeplantcenter.net](http://www.nativeplantcenter.net)  
[www.chesapeakeecologycenter.org](http://www.chesapeakeecologycenter.org)  
[www.cbf.org/landscaping](http://www.cbf.org/landscaping)  
[www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/bayscapes.htm](http://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/bayscapes.htm)  
[www.rainscaping.org](http://www.rainscaping.org)  
[www.cbf.org/document-library/cbf-guides-fact-sheets/10\\_steps\\_lawn2fc6.pdf](http://www.cbf.org/document-library/cbf-guides-fact-sheets/10_steps_lawn2fc6.pdf)  
[www.nativeplantcenter.net](http://www.nativeplantcenter.net)  
[www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org)  
[www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/bayscapes.htm](http://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/bayscapes.htm)  
[www.nps.gov/plants/alien/pubs/midatlantic/](http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/pubs/midatlantic/)



## *Social Notes*

Please note: 'NextDoor Carrollton Manor' and 'Carrollton Manor Neighbor Initiative' are privately organized groups. They are not sponsored or affiliated with the 'Carrollton Manor Improvement Association' [CMIA] or the community of Carrollton Manor.

## *A Careful Driving Reminder*

The days are finally getting warmer and everyone is starting to come out to play. Remember to drive carefully through our narrow streets. Please look out for everyone who is not looking out for you, especially children.

## **Pier Ye, Pier Ye**

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

**Slip Holders:** Renew your 2019 contracts on Key Day. Please remember to bring your boat registration and proof of insurance. If you plan on either 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, fill out the application found at [www.carrolltonmanor.us/resources/pier-wait-list](http://www.carrolltonmanor.us/resources/pier-wait-list) 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. The wait list is updated on the CMIA website annually, but kept current by Pier Committee.

We make an effort to allow as many residents as possible to enjoy our community pier. Pier slip sublets **MAY** be made available again this season when possible. This is managed by the pier on a first-come/first served basis, as deemed available,

and **is not guaranteed**. If interested, please contact Don Price at 410.647.1189 to get on the 'Sublet List'.

Do not store a boat on the beach! Boats left on the beach and in the woods are not only an eyesore, 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 removed.

## ***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. 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 1-year subscription to BOAT U.S. Magazine.

If you are signing up for a Boat U.S. Membership please mention our CoOp #GA81464B to get your special rate.





# Save the Date!

## Upcoming Community Events

- **CMIA Community Meeting:** March 5 at 7:00 p.m.  
Severna Park Baptist Church, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Meeting Room  
Please use chapel entrance.
- **CMIA Community Beautification Day:** Sat. May 4 at 9:00 a.m.  
Meet at Hillbottom Beach.
- **Pier Work Day** - TBA
- **Spring Children's Events** - TBA
- **Hillbottom Family Fun Nites and Volleyball** - TBA



Please watch for signs posted at 'Sign Island' and our CMIA Facebook page for details on CMIA events.

## Spring Reminders

- The days are finally getting warmer and everyone is starting to come out to play. You never know when a child or pet will dart out into the street. Please remember to drive carefully through our narrow streets, slowly and with care!
- As we clean up from winter, please remember, yard waste and tree trimmings should be composted or placed at the curb for weekly pickup. Please do not dump your yard waste on CMIA Community Property. Unfortunately, this has become a big problem. We have been working hard to beautify our neighborhood. Planting is fun...but having to clean up trash is not!
- Please never ever let your pet leave 'poo' on the community beaches, in the street, or on your neighbor's yard. Pick up and dispose of poop properly in the trash. Pet waste bacteria is one of the leading causes of unhealthy water quality for the Severn River.
- Please teach your children respect, and pride, for **their** community. Do not let your children pick the flowers in our community gardens, break branches off trees, or leave litter/trash on CMIA properties or at the bus stops. Community pride, and responsibility, can start early.



*Above: a kingfisher perched at Hillbottom Beach, February 2019.*

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### Connect with CM on the Web!



<http://carrolltonmanor.us>



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/312436932265345>

*private group - residents only*

<https://www.facebook.com/carrolltonmanorpage>

*public page*



[cmia@googlegroups.com](mailto:cmia@googlegroups.com)

*email the CMIA board*

### Volunteers Needed

Interested in helping to develop new community events? Maybe beach yoga or a movie night? Spring children's events or a CMIA Float in the 4th of July Parade? Do you have an idea or interest?

We are looking for people to organize, and lead, CMIA Community Events and Activities. If you are interested please contact a Board Member.