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YOU are the reason that Carrollton Manor is a fantastic place to live!

The friendly waves "Hello," the positive attitudes to life, the willingness to help others, the respect of our diversity, the support in times of unexpected needs, and the warm feelings a smile brings are what help make CM a community.



Join us at the next...

Community Meeting

Tuesday, Sep. 3 at 7:00 pm

Severna Park Baptist Church, Benfield Road

- Updates on CMIA Community Projects
- Clubhouse Updates
- We have our Building Permit 'in hand'!
- Community Concerns
- CMIA Community Picnic
- Fall Community Events
- Area Programs and News

June 2019 Community Meeting Highlights

- Minutes from March 2019 reviewed and approved (Mike)
- Treasurer reviewed all financial reports (Carolyn).

Pier Report (Don)

- Pier work day focused on water sealant and minor repairs
- All slips assigned for 2019

Community Announcements

- SRA Educational Meetings Videos are available at www.severnriver.org – Speakers' Series. Meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Union Jack's in Annapolis. Lots of great information! Recent presentations on storm water issues, oysters, SAV's, and critical areas
- GSPC: focus on events, happenings, and concerns around the Severna Park area. Meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Severna Park Library. Speakers from various local and government organizations; recent focus on zoning issues and upcoming 2040 general development plan.
- Kristen Bloom will be organizing the Carrollton Manor float for the Severna Park 4th of July parade.
- Community picnic planned for Saturday, Sept. 14
- Mosquito spraying on Wednesdays
- Water quality testing at Hillbottom and Sunset beaches
- General beach rules and guidelines for June newsletter
- October BOD elections

Community Projects/Concern

- Club house building plan drawings are with the County for a final permit review and approval; building plan drawings to be shared; possible late summer start date
- Installation of "BioLogs" at Crab Away planned for erosion control project.
- Hillbottom beach gate needs adjustment
- No update on moorings
- Bi-law amendment proposed to allow renters (non-property owner residents) to serve as BOD officers. Discussion included needed exact amendment wording.
- New Business
- Resident expressed concern about properties having "trash" and not being maintained. CMIA BOD purpose is to maintain community properties. CMIA is an improvement association, not an HOA and so does not have any involvement in private property.



Leaves are a Pain in the Drain!

Leaves—they're rushing down streets and into storm drains and filling our streams, rivers and the Bay in the kind of quantities Mother Nature never, ever, ever intended them to be!

So what's the big problem? Aren't leaves natural and safe for our waterways?

Leaves are natural organic matter, BUT leaves that decay on land consume oxygen from the air; when decaying in the water, leaf decay requires twice as much oxygen. In fact, fallen leaves use 200% more oxygen when decaying in the water than when decaying on the land. This robs the water of oxygen, causing fish to die and adding stress to all animal life in the vicinity. Your leaves in the water are not natural.



Anne Arundel County rivers have an average annual yield of 1.81 tons of nitrogen/ square mile. A large portion of this nitrogen comes from the breakdown of leaves in waterways. This excess of nutrients causes an increased growth of algae blooms. Algae limits the amount of sunlight and reduces the oxygen available for fish, plants, and other aquatic life. Depleted oxygen is the driving force which causes “dead zones” in the Chesapeake Bay and our Severn River. The unnaturally large quantity of leaves ending up in our waterways occurs because our driveways, side-walks, streets, and storm drains act like superhighways for leaves from our inland trees right to our waterways.

So, What Can You Do?

- Bag them (paper is preferred) and let the county pick them up. The county will then recycle them. The county does not clean up debris in the streets, but will pick up marked yard waste
- Mulch them and use them in your garden. You can use a mulching machine or you can rake your leaves into a pile and run over them with a mower. Leaf mulch is a much better food source for your garden than fertilizer.
- Compost them. If you have the time and space, this is a great way to augment the soil in your garden while recycling both leaves and your fruit/vegetable waste from the kitchen.

Some Good Reasons to Manage your Leaves this Fall!

- It's good exercise.
- Spend quality time with your kids outside.
- Become a leader in your neighborhood: your neighbors will follow your lead.
- Each year, tons of leaves from our communities contribute to the dead zones in the Severn River and Bay
- Leaves cleared from the streets prevent injury and accidents.
- Saves space in landfills
- Your azaleas, camellias, and rhododendrons thrive with shredded organic leaf humus.
- Enhances clay or sandy soil, introducing beneficial microorganisms to the soil
- Protects shrubs and perennials from extreme temperature changes
- Because it's easy, ecological and the right thing to do.

Whatever you do, please help by keeping leaves off your driveway and streets so that they do not wind up in our storm drains and waterways. Never block drainage ditches or curb lines by raking your leaves into them. Consider pledging to remove leaves from hard surfaces around your yard this fall, and disposing of them responsibly. And, remember – everything that goes into the storm drains goes directly into the Severn!

Community Picnic September 14

COME ONE COME ALL TO HILLBOTTOM BEACH WE GO!!!!

Celebrate another fantastic year of living in Carrollton Manor!!! The CMIA Community Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, September 14 at 2:00pm.

- Fantastic Door prizes
- 50/50 Raffle
- Music
- VOLLEYBALL!!
- Delicious CMIA grilled food, and refreshments available [cash and checks only please]
- Free fun!

Bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert to share

Boat ramp and beach will be closed from 12:00 noon until 7:00 p.m. for the festivities.

Parking will be very limited, so please consider carpooling or enjoy a walk to the beach. Bring your own lawn chairs. All children under 13 must be accompanied by a parent.

For more information or to volunteer- Contact Bo Dant or John Parker

Mark Your Calendars Now!

September 3 - CMIA Community Meeting. 7:00 p.m. at Severna Park Baptist Church on Benfield Rd. Share information, ideas and updates on YOUR community- events, projects and CMIA concerns.

September 14 - CMIA Annual Community Picnic at HillBottom Beach, 2:00-?. This annual fun-filled event is a 'not-to-be-missed' CMIA Day! Past picnics have been a blast...good food, rocking music, great prizes, fantastic friends! Start looking forward to the fun now!

October 1 - CMIA BOD Elections, 7:00 p.m. at Severna Park Baptist Church on Benfield Blvd. Each October, two CMIA BOD Director positions are renewed for a three-year term. Being on the BOD is a very rewarding way to give back to your community. If you are interested in helping CMIA continue to improve, or for more information on what is involved, please contact any BOD member.

Halloween Fun- TBA, Watch our FaceBook community page for info.

December 3 - Winter CMIA Community Meeting. 7:00 p.m. at Severna Park Baptist Church on Benfield Blvd

CMIA Family Fun Nights: Family friendly volleyball evenings continue and Fall Family Movie Nights may be planned! Watch for details on FaceBook and signs on Sign Island



Tips for Helping Everyone Enjoy Living Here

Autumn leaves are pretty when still on the trees. But after they fall, they do become a nuisance. Please, dispose of yard waste properly, Do not DUMP your leaves and yard waste on community property, in the streets, or in the woods! Many people still throw their leaves and lawn debris/waste into wooded areas of the community. It may be ‘natural’ waste, but it is still waste and it builds up. It is illegal to dump anything on property not your own. If you don’t want something on your property...Please do not put it on someone else’s. Compost your leaves for your garden, or Bag your lawn waste for pick up. The county will pick up bags marked with an ‘X’ on Fridays. The county does not provide street cleaning services. Be considerate of your neighbors and don’t blow leaves off your lawn into the street, onto community property, or into another yard.

There is no hunting or gun play, of any kind, allowed anywhere on our community properties! This includes all the woods around Hillbottom Beach.

Always drive slowly through our neighborhood. The days are getting shorter, but there are still lots of children playing, joggers, and dogs walking on our streets and the beaches are still being enjoyed.

Thank you to everyone who cleans up after their pets.....your neighbors, the roads, the beaches, and the Severn River are very grateful!

Carrollton Manor has a Facebook site [“I Live in Carrollton Manor”] for the sharing of info, events, news and other topics that may be of interest to our residents. Occasional notification of services and products is fine, but it is not designed for personal promotion or advertising. We also have “Carrollton Manor Neighbors Helping Neighbors Networking Group,” which is a more appropriate place to promote businesses and services.



Creative Volunteers Needed

- We’re looking for a creative volunteer to take over production of this newsletter. If you have experience
- writing, editing, or with graphic design, please get in touch with Lisa Bender about this opportunity to put
- your creative stamp on our community news!

School Year Safety

Another wonderful, fun summer is coming to an end. School will be starting soon and we will be watching our younger residents head off to school.

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY THRU THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND BE CAUTIOUS NEAR ALL BUS STOPS.

The days are getting shorter, and children may be walking in the dark. Experts are reminding motorists to be aware of increased child pedestrian activity and traffic congestion. Motorists need to be especially vigilant during the morning and afternoon hours when school children are walking to and from schools and bus stops.

AAA offers the following tips to help keep children safe as they return to school:

- Slow down and follow the speed limit. Keep your speed low and be prepared to stop quickly for school buses and for increased vehicle or pedestrian traffic.
- Come to a complete stop at intersections with stop signs. Research shows that more than 1/3 of drivers roll through stop signs in school zones or neighborhoods.
- Look for clues of children nearby. Keep an eye out for clues that children are likely nearby such as cars and children gathering at street corners.
- Scan between parked cars. Children can quickly dart out between parked cars or other objects along the roadway. Motorists should pay close attention not only at intersections, but along any residential roadways where children could be present.
- Always stop for loading or unloading school buses. It may be tempting to drive around stopped school buses, but not only is it dangerous, it's against the law. Flashing yellow lights on a school bus indicate it is preparing to stop to load or unload children, and motorists should slow down and prepare to stop. Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped, and children are getting on and off. Motorists are required to stop their vehicles from either direction of the road, and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop sign is withdrawn and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again. [Not stopping for a school bus can result in costly fines to motorists. Bus drivers can report vehicle information to law enforcement]
- Eliminate driver distraction. Motorists should always avoid distractions while driving, but it's particularly important in school zones and residential neighborhoods. Looking away from the roadway for just two seconds doubles the chance of being involved in a crash. Never text while driving, it is against the law in Maryland. Avoid talking on mobile phones, adjusting the radio or any other activities that might take attention away from the roadway.
- Plan ahead and allot extra travel time. Leave early for your destination and build in extra time for congestion. Modify your route to avoid school zones and traffic.

AAA also urges parents and caregivers to instruct children in the "A-B-Cs" of traffic safety:

A – Always obey school crossing guards and AAA school safety patrols.

B – Look both ways every time you cross the street.

C – Use crosswalks and corners to cross the roads even when cars are not around.

D – Don't run or rush, and do remember that drivers can't always see you.

E – Even and especially when it is raining, snowing, or cold, follow the safety rules.

F – Face it: you are no match for a car. They are faster and bigger and a danger to kids, so watch out.

Remind your children to be considerate at the bus stops. Don't leave trash, watch out for cars and traffic [even when running for the bus], don't run through or damage gardens and plantings, and help out others.....being a part of a caring community can start early.



Let's give a huge cheering salute to **Kristin Fitch Bloom**, and all her helpers, for a FANTASTIC community Fourth of July float! Featuring a singing 'Statue of Liberty', and filled with waving children, Carrollton Manor won 1st prize as a community float. Way to go all who worked so hard to show our community, and patriotic, pride!



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Community Sharing Online

Facebook can be a wonderful way to share ideas and information, announce events, look for services, and communicate with your friends and neighbors. Our CMIA Community Facebook pages let us all know what is going on in our community and the area. However, when posting, please remember that we are a community.

Keep posts and comments respectful. We are all neighbors.