

# The Eagle



Fall 2009

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## September 8th, 2009 Meeting Agenda:

- ◆ Updates on erosion control projects
- ◆ CrabAway shore line
- ◆ Board of Directors—Election
- ◆ Security Updates
- ◆ Pier Updates
- ◆ CMIA Fall events
- ◆ Social Event Discussion
- ◆ Beautification Projects—  
Sunset and CrabAway

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courtesy of Mr. Paul Harris, at:  
**[www. CarrolltonManor.com](http://www.CarrolltonManor.com)**

You may contact us via email at [CarrolltonManor@yahoo.com](mailto:CarrolltonManor@yahoo.com)

Or send mail to: CMIA, P. O. Box 1104, Severna Park, MD 21146

### *Carrollton Manor Notes*

- ◆ **PLEASE, be aware of your surroundings while driving our streets. It's still the heart of the summer, and there have been a lot of "near misses" due to drivers not stopping at all stop signs and intersections. Don't be the cause of an accident that may bring harm to yourself or others. Drive carefully, and be alert for children, joggers, walkers and dogs!**
- ◆ **PLEASE, park safely on the narrow streets and be sure you are allowing adequate space for an emergency vehicle to get through. Fire engines, police cars, and ambulances all help save lives! Please be sure you do not deter that from happening. This is an on-going problem on our narrow busy streets ,such as Shore Road, where there are added vehicles due to the beaches.**

#### **Additional summer reminders:**

- \* Clean up after your pets! CMIA provides dog waste bags at both beaches for your convenience. Please use them.
- \* When you walk your pet carry a bag to pick up waste and dispose of it properly.
- \* If you are planning some time at any of our CMIA beach properties, please remember the beaches belong to everyone. Be considerate of others. Share the grill and tables.
- \* ONLY cars with CMIA parking stickers can park in the Hillbottom Beach lot- display your sticker on the windshield to avoid towing.
- \* Car pool or enjoy the walk to the beach. There is limited parking capacity. Be kind and leave space for the elderly and handicapped.
- \* Please be aware of your conversations [and language] – sound magnifies near water—and there are children around !
- \* 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 breed insects and varmints.
- \* Back boat trailers up into wooded area on the left side of the lot. 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.
- \* 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.
- \* The sandy hill at Hillbottom Beach is eroding badly- climbing and playing on the hill is causing further damage. Please stay off the hill.
- ◆ 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** available for your enjoyment.
- \* All gatherings must abide by the CMIA beach rules with respect and consideration of other beach goers and surrounding residents.

### *CMIA Upcoming Events ....*

**Children Play Dates - Bring the kids down to the beach and enjoy games, crafts and fun! Anyone interested in getting together for children play groups? Stephanie Lemma is interested in organizing activities for older schoolage and middle school kids. Watch for signs posted on Sign Island and at the gate of Hillbottom! For more information call– Stephanie Lemma 410-975-5614**

**Fall Yard Sale - Saturday, September 26th, from 8 AM to Noon - Rain date is Saturday, October 3rd. Post your own sign or gather at the old clubhouse lawn. Ads will be placed and signs posted at the community entrance.**

**Board of Directors Election - We have two open positions that we must fill this fall. Please consider serving on the CMIA Board. We really need you ! Elections will be held on Tuesday, October 6th, at 7:00 PM at the Severna Park Baptist Church. If interested in joining the Board, please contact any member for more information. Board members' names and phone numbers are listed on the cover page.**

**Annual Halloween Party - Come to Hillbottom Beach on Saturday, October 24th, from 2 to 4 PM to join in the annual costume parade and enjoy an afternoon of tricks and treats! To volunteer your assistance, please contact Schelly Taylor at 240 338 4309**

## Pier Ye, Pier Ye

*Here comes fall and with it hopes of landing the trophy rockfish we all dream of !!!*

- \* Three cheers for our ramp repair! To date, many of our residents have expressed their satisfaction. We will continue to monitor the ramp throughout the winter months.
- \* Power washing of the pier has been completed.
- \* We continue to look for plastic domes for the lights.
- \* Weekly slip rentals will continue to be made available. Please contact Bob Brady for information at 410 544 9474

***Check It Out .... Our "port-a-potty" at Hillbottom Beach is now enclosed !!!***

Thanks to Chuck Hewitt, Jay Boyd, Sr. and Bob Brady, our rented "port-a-potty" has a new enclosure built to protect it from accidental tip-overs, and vandalism, which costs the community on average \$200-\$500 per incident.

In addition to making it a sturdier area, it is also more pleasing to the eye!

**Did you see?**

## Security

Carrollton Manor's Security Committee asks that you consider joining our team by contacting Bob Brady at 410-544-9474. Your participation for a few hours monthly will help to increase our neighborhood security at a time when many are feeling vulnerable. Officer Valentin of the Anne Arundel County Police Department will be working with us. Residents are asked to report any suspicious activity, including a description of any unrecognized vehicles with license plate numbers seen parked in an unusual location, to **Bob Brady at 410-544-9474**. Security caps have been ordered which will allow residents to easily identify our team. In an effort to stay on top of our neighborhood concerns, security members will meet regularly.

**Please join us!**

**WANTED**

**Help us continue to be the "Carrollton Manor *IMPROVEMENT* Association". WE NEED YOU!  
We have the following volunteer opportunities available within the community:**

- ◆ **The Clubhouse committee needs a chairperson to move this project forward**
  - ◆ **The Eagle (this newsletter) needs a new editor. Please contact Donna Kochanski**
  - ◆ **Opportunities still available to "Adopt A Garden" - please contact Retta Barkley**
  - ◆ **There will be planting days in September and October. Watch for signs with more information. *Come out and help us beautify the neighborhood.* It will be a fun day with your neighbors and a great way to add "*Improvement*" to Carrollton Manor!**
- For more information, please contact Retta Barkley.**

**A very special  
THANK YOU**

**to John Jenkins, Jr. of Park Road !  
John volunteered to spruce up Sign  
Island and repainted our  
Carrollton Manor sign .**

## June 2009 Community Meeting Highlights

◆ A wonderful PowerPoint presentation by Envirosite Design Services illustrated some of the ideas and information available to us for our community properties. They also outlined available grant opportunities that can be accessed by our community to help us fund projects that utilize non-structural eco-friendly techniques. Retta Barkley narrated the information on the effects of storm water run-off on the properties, the Severn River and Chesapeake Bay. She also presented possible erosion control and storm water management ideas; the benefits of natural, nonstructural, landscaping techniques, such as living walls, rain gardens and bio-retention gardens for all area land owners. We hope to apply for available grants to help us with some of our larger needs and to design projects that will be environmentally responsible and contribute to improving the Severn River as well as CMIA. Motion was approved to pursue available grants.

Anyone interested in having their property evaluated for more effective stormwater run-off management ideas may contact Retta Barkley.

Residents are urged to “Adopt a Garden” at one of our community properties. It will give families an opportunity to help improve our beaches and take pride in watching your garden grow.

Repair of the CMIA boat ramp is being completed. The ramp is being extended to allow easier launching. Please remember: ramp use is sole responsibility of boat owner, CMIA is not responsible for misuse or damage .

A second security camera at Hillbottom Beach focusing on the canoe racks, port-a-potty and gate/hill/parking area was approved. This will help protect the port-a-potty, canoe rack and general parking areas from future mischief. Bob Brady offered use of a trail camera to demonstrate property security for residents.

We are organizing a “Friends of Hillbottom Beach” committee to help plan fun activities, increase usage and maintain our community beach. Please contact Betty Brady for more details.

### **PROJECT UPDATES**

At the last few CMIA meetings we have been presenting information and ideas on things we can do to begin Improving our beach front community properties. It has been a very exciting experience learning about all the options that may be available to us. We have applied for a grant from “The Chesapeake Bay Trust” that may provide us with funds to start improvements at Sunset Beach. We are hoping to clean up the vegetation along the left side of the property, install some “bio-retention or rain garden” areas and living walls to help control erosion naturally with native flowers and plants. This will not only beautify the area and make it more inviting for picnics and play, but will also contribute to improving the water quality of the Severn River by filtering and cleaning water run-off ... We are still working on the permits that will allow us to build stone groins for erosion control, and apply sand to the beach area.

We hope everyone is enjoying the new bike rack and sign area at Crabaway Pier, and the wonderful new bench at Sunset beach! (thank you Ron Blevins) !

We have received permission to clean up the invasive ivy and dead vegetation along the sides of the lawn, and start controlling the bamboo. This will help open up Crabaway’s hillside and give us another wonderful beach area to enjoy. We are applying for a “Unity Gardens Grant” to help pay for replanting at Crabaway. We are planning on using environmentally friendly native plantings that will help with the erosion and drainage problems, as well as provide greater enjoyment of our property. We are hoping to be a “Bay Friendly Community” and demonstrate what individual communities can do to help improve where we live.

We are still investigating all the options available to us for Hillbottom Beach. As everyone is aware, this is a big project that has many areas of focus. We are trying to learn all we can. For years we have been attacking small projects to help with erosion control, and protection of our beach area. While we will continue to do that, we are also looking for a plan with a more permanent and effective solution.

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## Our Environment

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- ◆ CMIA is now 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](#) for more information and results.
- ◆ Anyone that is interested in learning more about the issues and ideas we discuss can contact the CMIA website to receive a list of resources and information sources electronically. Here are some helpful and informative links:

### Area Organizations

Severn River Association	<a href="http://www.severnriver.org">http://www.severnriver.org</a>
Severn River Riverkeeper	<a href="http://www.severnriverkeeper.org/default.html">http://www.severnriverkeeper.org/default.html</a>
Greater Severna park Council	<a href="http://www.gspcouncil.org/">http://www.gspcouncil.org/</a>
Chesapeake Bay Foundation	<a href="http://www.cbf.org/landscaping">www.cbf.org/landscaping</a>
DNR -Dept. Natural Resources	<a href="http://www.dnr.state.md.us/waters/">http://www.dnr.state.md.us/waters/</a>
MDE - MD Dept of Enviroment	<a href="http://www.mde.state.md.us/">http://www.mde.state.md.us/</a>

### Shore erosion control and living shorelines

<http://www.dnr.state.md.us>

<http://www.cbtrust.org>

<http://www.cbf.org>

### General information on projects around the Chesapeake Bay area

[impervioussurfaces.htm](#)

[http://mafsm.org/pdf/2007Conf/Design\\_Construction.pdf](http://mafsm.org/pdf/2007Conf/Design_Construction.pdf)

[http://www.hometownannapolis.com/cgi-bin/readne/2007/01\\_29-35/TOP](http://www.hometownannapolis.com/cgi-bin/readne/2007/01_29-35/TOP)

<http://www.aacounty.org/IP/EnvironmentalPrograms/CriticalAreas.cfm>

### Plants and plantings recommended for our area– Bay-friendly Landscaping

[www.cbf.org/landscaping](http://www.cbf.org/landscaping)

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

<http://www.nps.gov/plants/pubs/chesapeake/pdf/chesapeakenatives>

<http://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/BayScapes/bsresources/bs-nativeguides.htm#Bay>

<http://www.sustainable-gardening.com/Water-NoWater/Contents>

<http://www.sustainable-gardening.com/Perennials/index.php>

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

### Rain Gardens

<http://www.raingardens.org>

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

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

[http://www.lowimpactdevelopment.org/raingarden\\_design](http://www.lowimpactdevelopment.org/raingarden_design)

<http://www.dof.virginia.gov/rfb/rain-gardens>

### Bamboo Control and management

<http://www.bamboo-inspiration.com/bamboo-control-and-containment.html>

<http://www.jmbamboo.com/barrier.htm>

<http://www.midatlanticbamboo.com/bamboo-info/bamboo-contain.htm>

### Speed bumps and neighborhood traffic control measures

<http://www.aacounty.org/DPW/Highways/NeighborhoodTraffic.cfm>

ALL OF THESE SITES CONTAIN LINKS THAT OFFER EVEN MORE INFORMATION! EXPLORE THE SITES .

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT BY RON BLEVINS**

A new bike rack was installed at Crab-Away-Pier. Bike riding is great for all, so here is a reminder of the

**Maryland Bicycle Laws and Regulations:**

When bicycling through Maryland, we want you to have fun and be safe, so please be aware of your skill levels, make sure your equipment is in good working order, always wear a helmet and obey the following rules:

**In Maryland, the bicycle is classified as a vehicle with all of the same requirements and restrictions as a motor vehicle, except the following:**

**Bicycles are prohibited on:**

- Roads where the posted speed limits are greater than 50 mph (riding on the shoulder of the roadway is permitted)
- Expressways or other roadways where bicycles are prohibited
- The travel lanes of roads where there exists a smooth shoulder or bicycle lane (except to make left turns or to avoid debris in the shoulder space)

**On all public roads, where bicycling is allowed, the operator must:**

- Wear a bicycle helmet if they are *under* 16 years old
- Obey all traffic signs, signals and other traffic devices
- Ride in the same direction as motor vehicles, as near to the right side of the roadway as possible
- Use standard arm signals to alert other drivers of lane changes and turns
- Stop for school buses when they are loading or unloading children
- Yield to pedestrians
- Refrain from wearing a headset that covers both ears

**Legally, the bicycle must be equipped with:**

- Front and rear lamps and reflectors if the bicycle is used on a public road at any time when there is insufficient light or inclement weather
- A bell or horn (sirens and whistles are not acceptable)
- Brakes

Please enjoy the recently installed bench at Sunset Beach. A great way to sit and relax, watch the river activity, and the sunset!

*Thanks again to Ron, his family, and his co-worker Scouts for such nice improvements to Carrollton Manor !*

**ACCENTS**

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**[www.carrolltonmanor.com](http://www.carrolltonmanor.com)**

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CMIA gets mailing labels from the Anne Arundel County Tax Assessor. The county updates the labels once a year. If your name and address appears incorrectly on your mailing label, this is why. Sorry for any inconvenience, but we have no control over this.

***CMIA COMMUNITY MEETINGS***

**IMPORTANT** : The September Community Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8th, at 7:00 PM, at the Severna Park Baptist Church.

The Board Elections are held on October 6, 2009

Winter Meeting will be December 1st, 2009

Hope to see you there !!!!

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