Cedarhurst Citizens Association, P.O. Box 185, Shady Side, MD 20764

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Cedarhurst Citizens Association (CCA) Events

Board of Directors Meeting | Thursday, September 11 @ 7:00 PM

Scavenger Hunt | September 13-21

Historic Research Committee | Thursday, September 18 @ 6:30 PM

Celebrate Cedarhurst Day | September 20 @ 2:00 PM (Rain Date 9/27)

Fall Craft Event | Friday, October 3 @ 6:00 PM

Halloween Fun | Saturday, October 11 from 12:00 - 4:00 PM

General Meeting & Elections | Thursday, October 23 @ 7:30 PM

Halloween Candy Collection for Soldiers Overseas | November 1-4

CPR & Narcan Training | Sunday, November 15 @ 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Please be sure to check your email for more event details as they become available.

#### From the President's Porch, Chuck Quintero

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Greetings Cedarhurst Citizens Association Members!

As we turn the page to September and October, the energy in Cedarhurst is shifting—school buses are rolling again, the leaves are just starting to turn, and there's a hint of fall excitement in the air.

First things first—**back to school** means more children at bus stops and walking through the neighborhood. Please slow down and stay alert, especially if you're a new driver navigating our streets. Safety is a shared responsibility, and we can all do our part.

Parents, we also know the bus schedule has been... let's say, unpredictable. Sometimes we find out last minute. Thank you to all the neighbors who've stepped up to share real-time updates.

**Celebrate Cedarhurst** is just around the corner! We're looking forward to another great event later this month. Be sure to read more inside this newsletter for all the details—this is one you won't want to miss. Thank you to the volunteers working to make it all happen.

And as you're out enjoying these early fall days, **don't forget to say hello to the new families in the neighborhood**. A warm welcome goes a long way. Encourage them to attend a community meeting, join our email list, and get involved in all the great things happening in Cedarhurst.

Looking ahead, **Halloween is on the horizon**, so start prepping those costumes and candy bowls! It's always a fun evening of neighborhood spirit and spooky joy—just another reason to love where we live.

Finally, a note about communication: **The Board values your feedback** and is always open to hearing your thoughts, concerns, and ideas. But let's remember to keep those conversations respectful and productive.

Facebook is great for sharing news and photos—not for resolving community issues. Let's keep it civil and constructive.

Thank you for being part of what makes Cedarhurst such a special place. As always I want to say a special thank you all the volunteers that step up to make the community better, and encourage others to join in. I hope to see many of you at our upcoming events or just around the neighborhood!

As always, please send your thoughts, ideas, or questions to me at <a href="mailto:CedarhurstPresident@gmail.com">CedarhurstPresident@gmail.com</a> or catch me on the porch if you're walking by.

Warmly, Chuck Quintero President, Cedarhurst Citizens Association

#### From the Acting Secretary, Pam Foster

CedarhurstSecretary@gmail.com

Please plan to attend the **Cedarhurst Citizens Association Elections** during our **General Meeting** on **Thursday, October 23** at **7:30 pm**. We are pleased to report that we have a full slate of candidates including:

#### PRESIDENT until 2026 – Available Seat

Nominee: Chuck Quintero (Chesapeake Avenue) current President

#### VICE PRESIDENT until 2026 - Available Seat

Nominee: Mary Jean Schumann (Pine Avenue) current Vice President

#### SECRETARY until 2026 - Available Seat

Nominees: Pam Foster (Chesapeake Avenue) current Director & Acting Secretary

#### TREASURER until 2026 - Available Seat

Nominee: Rose Bademan (Spruce Avenue) current Director

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS until 2028 – <u>Three (3) Available Seats</u> Nominees:

James Foster (Chesapeake Avenue) current Director Jennifer Dieux (Bay View Avenue) current Director Sean O'Toole (Pine Avenue) transitioning to Harbor Administrator Layla Waters (Holly Avenue)

If you are interested in running for any of these positions, it's not too late! Additional nominations will be accepted up until the October Election meeting. Nominees that agree to run that evening, or after the ballots are printed, must be present and complete an "Intent to Serve" form (attached) before the vote. Thanks to everyone who has offered to serve and to those who will continue to serve!

#### **Current Board of Directors Members Who Will Continue to Serve**

Jason Ekern (Poplar Avenue) until 2026 Robyn Ekern (Poplar Avenue) until 2026 Kevin Hardy (Grove Avenue) until 2026 Brian Moore (Pine Avenue) until 2027 Pam Foster (Chesapeake Avenue) until 2027 Eric MacKay (Bayview Avenue) until 2027

#### Editor's Note:

CedarhurstNewsletter@gmail.com

Email **Jennifer Dieux** by October 20 at <u>CedarhurstNewsletter@gmail.com</u> with news for the next newsletter. If needed, an audio file or a reader can be provided so that everyone can enjoy the newsletter. In addition, if you wish to receive a printed copy in the mail, kindly send us your mailing address.

#### From the Treasurer, Betsy Weinkam

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You may recall a year ago I gave my 1-year notice for being Treasurer of CCA. I had asked for someone, who was interested in becoming Treasurer, to shadow me so that they would be trained before the election in October. Rose Bademan volunteered and she has been working with me over the last year to get up to speed on the accounting for the community. She has over 30 years experience working at a bank and will be a great Treasurer for Cedarhurst. Make sure you vote for her in October!

In September, I will be working with our CPA to produce our annual accounting report for FY 25, which is due to the County 9/29/25. The report summarizes the monies collected by the county on our behalf and given to us and our expenditures as compared to the budget we gave the county for FY 25.

Our FY 26 Budget began July 1, 2025 and runs through June 30, 2026. October is the month when the Budget Committee works to create a budget for FY 27 (July 1, 2026-June 30,2027). Sometimes it's challenging to know how much money we will need for the different committees. We make our best educated guess based on what we needed in the past and what repairs or maintenance we foresee in the future. The budget is presented, discussed and voted on by the new Board of Directors at the first BOD meeting in November. In December, the budget is mailed to all property owners for review and comment.

I just wanted to take a moment to reflect on the last 4 years as Treasurer. I learned a ton and I'm still learning! First, volunteering for any position can be a thankless job. I commend anyone who is willing to take the time out of their busy lives to work together to make Cedarhurst the beautiful bayside community we love. It is a privilege to help and serve others.

When I began as Treasurer in September 2021, there were no budgets itemized by committee, so I couldn't figure out where the money was being spent. I wanted to create a simple accounting system and spreadsheet so we could track the monies coming in (from your tax dollars) and being spent. I gained experience making budgets, reviewing spreadsheets and working with QuickBooks while I was Finance Chair for Cedar Grove Church for 12 years. I applied what I had learned to create a spreadsheet that could easily track the budgeted amount for each committee versus what was actually spent. Transparency is what I wanted to see and hopefully I have achieved that for all of you.

Our most current budget versus actual spreadsheet for FY 26 from July 1- August 22 is attached.

#### Grounds Committee, Pam Foster

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The Fall marsh maintenance, which includes cutting, will be scheduled in coordination with our first FY 26 check from the County. There are simple but endless gardening tasks that need to be done to keep or community property beautiful. If you would like to be contacted when we need help, please let me know.

As always, we encourage everyone to pick up trash from the ditches and grounds whenever you encounter it. Enjoy the cooler weather and we hope to see you on the Community Grounds!

#### Shoreline Restoration Committee, Jim Foster

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The engineering phase of our shoreline restoration planning has begun. Underwood & Associates has conducted a detailed survey of our shoreline by both drone and boat, and a Check-In Meeting was held with CCA's Shoreline Restoration Committee on August 22. A Special (60% Design) Community Meeting will be planned for October – date TBD.

#### Security, Eric MacKay

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Cameras are functioning, if you want viewable access of the cameras, please reach out for instructions for downloading the app.

Remember, we do have cameras and can check to see what is going on all community property. Please note, the cameras are not monitored, but video footage can be accessed if need be.

#### Building & Structures, Eric MacKay

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Please avoid using tape, hooks, hardware, or anchors on the walls inside the community house. The walls will need to be patched and painted, and much of the existing damage has come from renters hanging items. We appreciate your help in keeping the space in great condition for everyone.

Hello Cedarhurst Residents,

It feels like summer just started, but here we are getting the kiddos ready to go back to school and see the backyard BBQ's coming to an end. I hope everyone had a good one. The good thing is, the bonfires and pumpkin spice is just around the corner...

As the new school year begins, we see South County comes alive with the sights and sounds of students heading back to class. With increased foot traffic, school buses on the road, and children walking and biking, safety is more important than ever. Things always seem to get busy around this time of year with school and sports being in full swing.

Here are just a few reminders going forward. Watch your speed if driving and stay alert for the children walking as they are crossing the street or at bus stops. PLEASE be careful when approaching a school bus. I have seen some tragic accidents around busses. Also, I believe at this point all of the busses have operating stop sign cameras which will issue a citation.

If you observe unsafe driving or suspicious activity please contact police.

If anyone has any questions please feel free to reach out: p91963@aacounty.org.

If there is immediate action necessary please contact 911 or the non-emergency number 410.222.8610.

Cpl. Rovell

#### Harbor Committee | Jim Foster, Acting Harbor Administrator

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Thanks to Taylor Holtz for his efforts in taking over the Harbor Administrator duties last year. Unfortunately, Taylor was redeployed and has stepped down. Sean O'Toole has volunteered to be the New Harbor Administrator! Sean has many years of yachting experience as well as marine facilities like docks, that will complement our needs well. I will continue to support him through the process of leading our harbor to greater glory! All hail Sean!

Fishing has been less than stellar but I had an epic day sailing last Wednesday before the storm passed! I keep one of my Flying Scot sailboats at Selby Bay Sailing Center on the South River where our fleet has races on Wednesday. I went early and sailed out in a stiff Northerly breeze almost to Thomas Point Light. Then sailed back in time to participate in 4 races. It's why I live here.

We have placed a dedicated floating dock for anyone interested in renting it for dry storage of a jetski. Rent the slip with the float for \$350 per year. Let us know if you are interested.

Please review your boat insurance and make sure your policy is up to date. We'll be asking again for current insurance information

#### Garden Club | Rose Bademan

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Have you been down to the community garden? If not, take a look! Grab some tomatoes and herbs, and the eggplant is coming along nicely. And pull a weed while you're there. Watch the Facebook page for more information, or email me at rosegarden1198@gmail.com.







The community house was buzzing with activity this summer—from rentals to local gatherings—and it looks like fall and winter will be just as lively. September is fully booked, though a last-minute date may open depending on the rain date for our annual community event. October still has a few available slots (see the calendar attachment elsewhere in the newsletter).

A quick housekeeping note: we've noticed a lot of tape left on walls, windowsills, and windows after events. This causes damage and shortens the lifespan of the paint. Repainting costs several thousand dollars, so please help us preserve the space by following the guidelines.

Also, a reminder about trash: all trash must be removed from the property after your event. That means taking it home for pickup or dropping it off at the dump. Please don't leave trash in the playground bins or under the house.

We've kicked off a new fiscal year! Last year, we made several improvements:

- Replaced the refrigerator
- Updated the thermostat to better manage energy costs
- Enclosed the underside of the building with fire-rated drywall
- Installed a new fire alarm system

It was a productive year, and we'd love your input on what comes next. Join us at our bimonthly meetings or reach out to the CCA President with any urgent concerns or questions.

Lastly, in response to recent discussion on the community Facebook page: yes, our local Girl Scout troop meets at the clubhouse about once a month, as does the Coast Guard Auxiliary. We're proud to support these groups.

If you're interested in booking the community house this fall, feel free to contact me. You can view the calendar by clicking the link below.

For renting, please visit the <u>Community House Calendar\*</u> to view rental availability. A day marked "busy" indicates the Community House is already reserved. If you see an open date you would like to reserve for a private rental, send your name, address, and the date(s) to <u>CedarhurstCommunityHouse@gmail.com</u>.

Please note an open date is not a guarantee of availability. Email requests are processed in the order they are received. The calendar is updated immediately after the email is reviewed and a hold is placed.

Other Important notes on renting the Community House:

- Private Community House rentals are for Cedarhurst on the Bay residents and property owners only!
- Rental fees are \$150/day, plus a refundable \$150 security deposit.
- If your date is available, it will be held for <u>10 days</u> while you submit paperwork and fees. You will receive a reply email with the lease, waiver, and submission instructions.
- After completed paperwork, rental fee, and security deposit are received, a booking confirmation will be sent via email.

Any questions should be directed to our rental volunteer at CedarhurstCommunityHouse@gmail.com.

#### Historical Research Committee, Elaina Uhl

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For Celebrate Cedarhurst, the Historic Research Committee will display parts of our exhibit that celebrate our beautiful, shared waterfront property and Cedarhurst's vulnerability and resilience to storms and flooding. We need help! Please join us on September 17th to help bring our display down from storage and create a plan for set up and take down. As always, new members are welcome. Our next meeting is Thursday, September 18 @ 6:30 PM. We will not meet again until March.

#### Elaina Uhl,

Historic Research Committee Chair

Please visit the Cedarhurst website at <a href="www.ccaonthebay.com">www.ccaonthebay.com</a> or join the group at <a href="facebook.com/">facebook.com/</a> <a href="mailto:ccaonthebay">ccaonthebay</a>. In addition to providing your email address for updates, both the website and Facebook help keep you informed about what's going on in the neighborhood and surrounding areas.

#### Of Community Interest

CedarhurstNewsletter@gmail.com

**Kelly Dieux** from Bay View Avenue is celebrating her birthday on October 24. Happy Birthday **Kelly**! Have news to share? Send an email **Jennifer Dieux** at <u>cedarhurstnewsletter@gmail.com</u> with any items of community interest - births, deaths, graduations, weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, engagements, etc.

#### Trash and Recycling

Cedarhurst's trash and recycle pickup day is Monday.

Mark your calendar, the county has two upcoming <u>Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Events</u>. They are scheduled for Saturdays, September 13 and October 25 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Drop off location is at the Heritage Office Complex located at 2662 Riva Rd. Annapolis, MD 21401. For more information, see the hazardous waste <u>brochure</u> or call the county recycling division at 410.222.7951.

#### **Neighborly Tips**

While we are not an HOA, we do have county regulations that apply to our neighborhood. Unregistered vehicles or too many vehicles, speeding, failure to come to a complete stop at a stop sign, operating a business or parking commercial vehicles over 3/4 ton, accumulated junk, having some farm animals in r-5 zoning, and barking dogs are generally the top code violations in the county. If you are concerned that something is a violation you can call 311. It's perfectly legitimate to question and seek resolution.

- If you see something, say something, please call 911 if you need the police to come. If you don't call, they will not come. You can be anonymous.
- Can emergency vehicles get past your vehicles parked on the street? It's a matter of safety.
- Is your house clearly marked with your house number? Emergency vehicles must be able to clearly see your house number to be able to respond to emergencies.
- Remember that school is back in session, please stop for school buses, it's the law!
- Please **STOP** at all stop signs and drive cautiously on our roads.
- Remember, when using community property, please dispose of your trash in provided receptacles.
- Thank you for continuing to pick up after your dogs. Dog poop *BIG or small* shouldn't make it into our waterways. It's a matter of courteously!

#### Anne Arundel County News

Have a question or need to talk to someone in the County Executive Office? Contact Community Engagement and Constituent Services at 410.222.1785 or email at <a href="mailto:CECS@aacounty.org">CECS@aacounty.org</a>

- To see upcoming events around the County, visit https://www.aacounty.org/news-events/events.
- If you want to report a violation or concern in our community, please visit the County's website at <a href="https://seeclickfix.com/md\_anne-arundel">https://seeclickfix.com/md\_anne-arundel</a> or call 311.
- <u>The Blue Crab Community Fridge</u> is a nonprofit organization that provides an accessible food source through a community refrigerator. The fridge's purpose is to reduce food waste, fight food insecurity, and build a stronger community. The community fridge is located behind the Franklin United Methodist Church at 5345 Deale Churchton Road in Churchton.
- Bill Pay Assistance Do you or your neighbor need help paying your electric, oil, gas, or utility bill?
   If so, there are resources available. Visit <a href="https://www.aacounty.org/finance/bills-payments/bill-payment-assistance">https://www.aacounty.org/finance/bills-payments/bill-payment-assistance</a> or contact the County's customer service line for additional resources at 410.222.1144 or email <a href="mailto:custserv@aacounty.org">custserv@aacounty.org</a>.

Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt - September 13-21 - All ages are welcome to participate; more details to follow.

Celebrate Cedarhurst Day - September 20 (rain date 9/27) - We are looking for volunteers to help with the annual "Celebrate Cedarhurst Day." Please reach out to volunteer, we will need help all through out the day. Email <a href="mailto:Cedarhurstevents@gmail.com">Cedarhurstevents@gmail.com</a> if you can help with this event.

Halloween Crafting for Adults/Young Adults - Friday, October 3, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Create your own Fall porch or driveway décor. More details to follow.

Pumpkin Patch, Costume Contest, & Halloween Crafts - Saturday, October 11 from 12:00 - 4:00 PM. Join us for some Halloween fun. We will have a pumpkin patch, our annual Children's and Dog's costume contest followed by Halloween crafts at the Community House.

Halloween Candy Collection for Soldiers Overseas - November 1st through the 4th. We will be collecting leftover Halloween candy to mail to our soldiers that are stationed overseas. Collection times and locations TBD.

Please look out for emails containing important event updates. Email is the best way to communicate event details with Cedarhurst Residents.

Kindly Note: Cedarhurst Events are limited to **Cedarhurst Residents Only**, unless otherwise noted.

#### Please Join Us!

#### Save the Date - 2025

### Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training Saturday, November 15 from 9:30 am-1:30pm

#### **Cedarhurst Community House**

(Training on administration of Narcan will also be available)

Renew your CPR training or learn how to respond in sudden life-threatening events. Training is hybrid, you'll have an online portion you will need to complete which includes Adult First Aid, then the hands on which will include the use of AEDs, how to Stop the Bleed, as well as administration of Narcan.



Offered for Cedarhurst residents, you are encouraged to participate. Children and teens are welcome with a parent present. If you certified two years ago, use this as your opportunity to renew your certification.

CPR/AED/ First Aid Certification is provided on the day of the event, via a digital delivery, when all portions are completed at a passing level. Valid for two years. Also included will be a Department of Defense Certificate of completion for the Stop the Bleed course and a AAACERT certificate of completion for the Overdose Awareness portion.

Cost per person is \$65 and includes a free box of Naloxone (NARCAN) and a free tourniquet, both complements of the Anne Arundel County Health Department. Cedarhurst on the Bay residents can be reimbursed up to \$35 with proof of completed certifications.

The course content will combine virtual (computer-based) content that must be completed prior to the day of the event. Hands on training will be completed on Saturday, November 15th.

Registration will be available starting October 25th. The paid fee will allow access to the course materials required for the pre-work. The link to the course materials and the online test will be provided upon your registration and payment starting on October 25th, giving participants time to complete that portion prior to the day of the hands-on training.

For more information or to share your intent to register, contact:

Mary Jean Schumann, Cedarhurst Vice President at Mary.schumann1@gmail.com

## You're Invited!

# Celebrate Cedarhurst Day

SATURDAY, September 20 (Rain date, 9/27)

2-7 PM

Our Community House

CRAFTS | GAMES | MUSIC | BOUNCE HOUSE FACE PAINTING | HAIR TINSEL FOOD | DRINKS | ICE CREAM | AND MORE CEDARHURST HISTORIC EXHIBIT

FUN FOR EVERYONE!



FY26 Budget by Committees		2026 Budget	Spent as of 8.22.25
Starting Balance			\$35,921.88
	Spent to Date		\$3,129.14
	Total in SCBD		\$32,792.74
<u>Committees</u>			
Grounds	Mowing	\$15,000.00	
	Plantings	\$1,000.00	
	Tables & Benches	\$3,000.00	
	Wetland/Marsh	\$15,000.00	
	Pier Parking Lot	\$2,000.00	
	Maintenance/Improvements	\$8,000.00	\$130.40
	Childrens Garden	\$500.00	
	Sustainable Shoreline	\$65,000.00	
	Total	\$109,500.00	\$130.40
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Structures Comm Hos	Fire Protection*	\$3,000.00	
Collini. Ase	Surveillance	\$5,000.00	
	BGE	\$5,000.00	\$463.07
	Comcast  Maintenance under House	\$2,000.00	\$266.44
	Sound panels	\$25,000.00 \$5,500.00	
	Maintenance/Improvements	\$36,000.00	
	Tables, chairs, hightops, shades	\$12,000.00	
	AED equipment	\$2,500.00	
	Audio Visual	\$2,500.00	
	Sub total	\$96,000.00	\$729.51
Dior	Maintenance/Improvements	\$35,000.00	\$729.31
	Maintenance/Improvements	\$2,500.00	
			\$720 E1
	Total	\$133,500.00	\$729.51
Social	Spring Holiday		
	2 Bingo		
	Fishing Derby		
	Events	\$12,000.00	
	Celebrate Cedarhurst	\$18,000.00	\$928.67
	Crafting Day		
	History Exhibit		
	Hospitality		
	Total	\$30,000.00	\$928.67

Admin	Communications	\$300.00	\$368.88
	Office Supplies/Software	\$4,000.00	\$321.68
	Budget Mailing	\$800.00	
	Professional Services	\$5,000.00	
	Insurance & Bond	\$18,000.00	
	Security	\$5,000.00	\$650.00
	AA Co Stormwater fee	\$700.00	
	Trash pick up		
	First Aid/CPR class	\$350.00	
	County Fee	\$2,000.00	
	Total	\$36,150.00	\$1,340.56
Total SCBD		\$309,150.00	\$3,129.14
Harbor Income	Carried over from FY25		\$39,717.27
Transor meome	Slip Rentals	\$14,500.00	\$1,410.00
	Total Income	<b>4</b> = 1,5 = 1 = 1	\$41,127.27
Harbor Expenses	Electric		\$594.67
	Supplies and Materials		
	Maintenance		
	Fire Protection*		\$11,791.00
	Total Expenses		\$12,385.67
	Balance in Harbor Account		\$28,741.60
Community House Income	Carried over from FY25		\$10,508.96
	Rentals		\$900.00
	Total Income		\$11,408.96
Community House Expense	Refunds		\$400.00
	Cleaning		\$2,550.00
	Supplies		\$100.03
	Total Expenses		\$3,050.03
	Balance in Comm. House Account		\$8,358.93
SECD Expenses for FY25	Loan Payment	\$67,322.71	\$0.00
SECD Expenses for F125	Funds for future use	JU1,JZZ./I	\$0.00
	County fee	\$100.00	\$0.00
	Total SECD Expenses	\$67,422.71	\$0.00 \$0.00
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Grant Chesapeake Bay Trust	Shoreline design/permitting	\$50,333.00	