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

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Cedarhurst Citizens Association (CCA) Events

Cedarhurst Garden Club | Tuesdays, April 4 & May 2 @ 6:30 PM

Easter Fun | Saturday, April 8 @ 9:30 AM for Bunny Photos & 10:00 AM for Egg Hunt (Hunt for ages 2-12)

Historic Research Committee | Tuesdays, April 11 & May 9 @ 6:30 PM

Movie Night & Food Truck | Friday, April 14 @ 5:30 PM - Children's Movie; 7:15 PM - Teen/Adult Movie Harbor Clean Up Day | Saturday, April 15 @ 8:00 AM

Neighborhood Craft Night | Tuesdays, April 18 & May 16 @ 6:30 PM (Adults only please)

General Meeting | Thursday, April 27 @ 7:30 PM

May the 4th Be With You | Star Wars Movie Night | Thursday, May 4 @ 5:30 PM (Double Feature)

Spring & Mother's/Father's Day Craft Event | Saturday, May 6 @ 9:00 AM -12:00 PM & 2:00 - 4:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting | Thursday, May 11 @ 7:00 PM

Movie Night & Food Truck | Friday, May 12 @ 5:30 PM - Children's Movie; 7:15 PM - Teen/Adult Movie Community Yard Sale | Saturday, May 13 @ 8:00 AM (Rain Date, May 20)

Raft Up | Saturday, May 13 @ 3:00 PM

#### From the President, Chuck Quintero

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Welcome back, Cedarhurst Citizens Association members! We're excited to bring you the latest edition of our community newsletter, complete with updates on events and projects for April and May 2023. We appreciate your continued support and engagement in our community, and we look forward to hearing your thoughts on the new format.

As we reflect on a busy February and March, we're thrilled to see so many of you participating in and enjoying the new community events at the Cedarhurst Community House. From Movie Night to Crafting Events and Chili Cook-offs, it's been wonderful to see neighbors connecting and creating lasting memories together. We value your input and encourage you to share your ideas for future programming and events.

The Cedarhurst Citizens Association Board has also been hard at work on property improvements around the waterfront and community house. In this newsletter, you'll find detailed information about these ongoing projects, as well as upcoming opportunities to get involved and support our community's growth.

Thank you for being a part of our community! As always, please feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions or concerns!

Best,

Chuck

207.838.7181, CedarhurstPresident@gmail.com

#### From the Secretary, Pam Foster

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We hope to see you at the next **General Meeting** on **Thursday, April 27, 7:30 PM**. As you can see by reading this newsletter, there's a lot going on, and a small group of volunteers making it all happen. Don't be afraid to volunteer! Come to the meeting and listen for your place to plug in. Many hands make light work!

We'd like to increase the number of households on the CCA Email List to better keep residents informed. If you received this newsletter via email, you're on the list, but is your neighbor? Please ask them. If you know a resident who would like to receive CCA emails, please contact me at <a href="CedarhurstSecretary@gmail.com">CedarhurstSecretary@gmail.com</a>.

#### From the Treasurer, Betsy Weinkam

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In the Special Community Benefit District, as of the end of February, we have spent \$106,343. We currently have \$210,975 in the bank. We recently received a check from the County for \$39,778, which was from additional tax monies received for FY 23 (this current fiscal year 7/1/22 - 6/30/23). The County will be paying \$127,155 from our Special Erosion Control District for the dredging that was completed at the end of the harbor channel. The Harbor account has \$39,290, and the Community House account has \$19,528. If you have any questions, or need a copy of the budget please let me know.

#### Cedarhurst Security Liaison, Daniel Miller

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Message from Cpl. Rovell:

Hello Cedarhurst! Being in Spring now we can hope for nicer weather, hopefully that comes sooner rather than later. Along with the nice weather we can expect more people going out. I definitely look forward to seeing everyone out and about.

I expect more people to be at the pier fishing as the season starts. Historically there have been people who are not residents coming into the community and using the pier. I will be monitoring that situation throughout the season. Please remember, people cannot use the community pier unless they are a Cedarhurst resident or with a resident. In years past there have been people fishing who claim to have family members who live in the community. Unfortunately, I have to send them on their way.

I suggest if you notice someone who is not authorized to use the pier, please don't confront them. Call the police and advise them of the situation. I would hate to see any confrontation occur.

As always please feel free to contact me with any issues: <u>p91963@aacounty.org</u>. If there is immediate action necessary please contact 911.

#### Of Community Interest

CedarhurstNewsletter@gmail.com

- Michael and Brandi Paddy from Oak Avenue welcomed Camren Brike Paddy on February 15. Camren weighed in at 5lbs, and 15.8 oz, and 19" tall. Congratulations and welcome to the world Camren!
- **Tricia Wetzel** and **Kevin Templeton** on Oak Avenue were married at the Community House on March 25. Congratulations **Tricia** and **Kevin**!
- **Selena** and **Jacob Sandruck** on Maple Avenue celebrate their 2-year wedding anniversary on April 24. Congratulations **Selena** and **Jacob**!
- Noah Cooper on Bay View Avenue has a birthday on May 2. Happy Birthday Noah!
- Selena Sandruck on Maple Avenue is turning 30 on May 7. Happy Birthday Selena!

Email **Jennifer Dieux** at cedarhurstnewsletter.com with any items of community interest—births, graduations, weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, engagements, etc.

#### Editor's Note:

CedarhurstNewsletter@gmail.com

Email **Jennifer Dieux** by May 20 at <u>CedarhurstNewsletter@gmail.com</u> news for the next newsletter. Remember, 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.

Isn't it wonderful to see the Community House open and in use? Thank you to **Amanda** (our Social/Benevolence Leader) for all her hard work organizing events for our community. Also thank you to all the residents who came out to enjoy the crafts, movie nights, chili cook-off, and other fabulous social activities. Looking forward to some more fun this Spring starting with the Egg Hunt in April!

**Private Rentals:** Great news! You are now able to check for available dates at any time. The link below will bring you to the Community House Calendar\*. 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 CedarhurstCommunityHouse@gmail.com.

<u>Availability Calendar</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.

Important notes on renting the Community House:

- The Community House is available for private rentals by Cedarhurst on the Bay residents and property owners only!
- Rental fees are \$150/day, plus a refundable \$150 security deposit.
- Reservations are available on a first come, first served basis. Please email desired date(s) to the above email address.
- If available, your date(s) will be held for 10 days 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 CedarhurstCommunityHouse@gmail.com

#### Harbor Committee, Jim Foster, Harbor Administrator

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**Rich Elmquist**, Harbormaster **Rob O'Steen**, Commodore

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The maintenance dredging was completed the week of March 6th. About 700 cubic yards was removed from the channel entrance. That was about 65 dump trucks driving through the neighborhood. I hope it wasn't too disruptive. Then, our first boat went out last Sunday and they caught and released a 46" Rockfish! Does it get any better than that!

Some people have already renewed their slip for the year. Thank you. Slip fees are due April 1st. The 2023-2024 slip form is attached if you are interested in getting a slip this year and or using the boat ramp.

I'm considering changing the light fixture heads from the current globes to a "tophat" fixture that will shine more directly onto the boats and parking lot. BGE has been less than easy to deal with...

Harbor Clean up day has been scheduled for Saturday, April, 15th from 0800 to 1200. We'll get the water going, do some minor repairs, change the lock/combo and other chores that make our harbor awesome! Please join us!

We are working closely with **Amanda Shick**, the Community Events Coordinator, to schedule some Boat Club related events. We hope to have our first raft up this season on May 13th from 3 until? Weather dependent of course!

Please review your safety plans, check all your safety equipment, let people know when you go out and when you plan to be back. I have followed the 100 degree rule: If the water temp plus air temp are not at least 100 degrees, I don't go out.

Here's to a safe, fun and exciting boating season!

#### Shoreline Restoration Committee, Jim Foster

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We have the draft conditions report from our engineering firm, Underwood & Associates, and the committee is reviewing it. We will provide a synopsis and make the final report available for you to review as well as a presentation at a community meeting. The short story is that our riprap is in poor to failing condition and we need to consider long term solutions to rebuild the shoreline.

#### Grounds Committee, Pam Foster

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Happy Spring! As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, a committee was formed to brainstorm and agree upon improvements to the Pier Parking Lot. Once that committee reached consensus, the concept drawing and estimates were submitted to the Board of Directors who approved moving forward with the plan. Highlights include:

- removing the "circular driveway" which will increase the usable parking area, while decreasing the impervious surface (gravel),
- decreasing the size of the garden while maintaining and protecting the beloved pine tree,
- replacing and securing the trash/recycling enclosure,
- installing new wood bollards to prevent motorized vehicles from driving up the walkway.
- building a new foot bridge from the parking lot to the fields,
- planting the ditch between the lot and field with low growing flowering plants,
- and replacing/refreshing signage.

Harbor Clean Up Day is Saturday, April 15, and includes some Grounds Clean Up as well, such as cutting back perennials around the Community House and cleaning up the harbor planters.

Many thanks to whomever trimmed the tree and released the snagged flag at the entrance. You're act of kindness and patriotism was appreciated!

If you would like to be notified when small gardening jobs like cutting back grasses, watering sign gardens, trimming branches, or pulling invasives pop up, please contact me. We have 7 acres of grounds and there's always something that needs to be done.

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

#### Building & Structures, Dan Miller

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If you see any improvements or repair needs, please contact **Dan**.

#### Community Relations

Chair Position Vacant

We are always looking for volunteers, if you are interested in chairing Community Relations, please contact **Chuck Quintero** at <u>CedarhurstPresident@gmail.com</u>.

#### Garden Club | Rose Bademan

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The garden club met on March 7. We discussed plans for the new Children's Garden. We would like to know how many children are interested in helping with the Children's Garden.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4 at 6:30 PM, we have invited neighbor and fellow gardener, **Kathleen Litchfield**, to speak on Sustainable Gardening.

#### Communications | Brian Moore

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Please visit the Cedarhurst website at <a href="www.ccaonthebay.com">www.ccaonthebay.com</a> or join the group at facebook.com/ccaonthebay. 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.

Cedarhurst Historic Research Committee has resumed meetings in preparation for this September's exhibit. We meet every second Tuesday of the month and have moved our time to 6:30-7:30 pm (from 6-7pm) at the Community House.

To mark the 20-year anniversary of Tropical Storm Isabel, the committee will develop and enhance the Isabel section of our exhibit. Are collecting memorabilia, conducting interviews, and preserving the community's memory and response to this challenging event. We would also like to use this occasion to build awareness of climate change and its potential effects on our waterfront community. We highly encourage our youth to consider using this topic for one of their school research projects.

Your participation and help are vital. Take pride and be part of our beautiful Cedarhurst history! Volunteers of all ages and skills are welcome. <a href="mailto:elaina.lill@gmail.com">elaina.lill@gmail.com</a> or (845) 943-8160

Elaina Uhl

Historic Research Committee Chair

#### AACO Report a Concern

Dial 311 | https://www.aacounty.org/services-and-programs/report-a-concern

Cedarhurst is not a Home Owners Association with special rules. You can report a concern from your computer by clicking <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. If you prefer to speak with someone, dial 311 from your cell phone.

- Animal Care & Control
- Inspections & Permits
- County Roadway & Roadside
- Trash & Recycling

- To report a concern online, follow these steps:
- 1. Select the type of issue
- 2. Enter your location

- Housing & Health Issues
- Water & Sewer
- Zoning
- 3. Answer a few questions & attach photos
- 4. Submit!

#### Anne Arundel County News

Our Community Engagement and Constituent Services (CECS) Specialist for Region 8, Courtney Buiniskis, can be contacted at <a href="mailto:exbuin22@aacounty.org">exbuin22@aacounty.org</a> or 410-222-2596. Click <a href="mailto:here">here</a> to visit the CECS webpage. Don't forget to check out the Anne Arundel County website for answers to all your questions by visiting <a href="https://www.aacounty.org">www.aacounty.org</a>

#### Trash & Recycling

Our trash & recycling day is MONDAY. Please note: On Friday, April 7 (Good Friday), County Landfill & Recycling Centers will be closed. On Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day), County Landfill and Recycling Centers will be closed, and our trash & recycling collection day will occur Tuesday, May 30. For more information on curbside collections click <a href="https://example.com/hemosphere/">hemosphere/</a>.

#### Have you ever received a little green sticker? What cannot be left at the curb?

- Ammunition, Explosive & Firearms
- Asbestos, Poisons, Acids & Caustics
- Ashes & Coals
- Building Materials, Wood/Lumber/Pallets
- Dead Animal/Animal Carcasses
- Electronics & Batteries
- Fire Extinguishers & Gas Cylinders

- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Liquids & Oil
- Medical Waster
- Oil-Based/Latex Paint
- Mirrors, Glass & Windows
- Sawdust, Dirt & Mulch
- Tires & Automotive Parts

For Bulk Item Pickup, call AACO Customer Service at 410.222.6100 to schedule a collection or <u>click here</u> to schedule online.

- Easter Fun Join us Saturday, April 8 at 9:30 AM to get your photo with the Easter Bunny followed by an Eggcellent Egg Hunt at 10:00 AM. The Egg Hunt is for children ages 2-12. We will also host Easter themed crafts for children of all ages.
- Movie Night & Food Truck We will be hosting movie nights the 2nd Friday of every month. Join us Fridays April 14 & May 12. The Children's movie airs at 5:30 PM, followed by the Teen/Young Adult movie, at 7:15 PM. We have also been able to secure a food truck from 4:45-7:30 PM for movie nights. The food truck will have food for sale in the Community House parking lot, and is available for everyone (not just the movie attendees). A separate email will go out with more information about the movies and the food truck menu. There is no charge for the movie, but we are asking for a donation item for the "We Love Our Pets" Donation Drive. See the *Cedarhurst Gives* section on Page 8 for more information.
- "May the 4th Be With You" Stars Wars Movie Night Thursday, May 4, at 5:30 PM (Double feature) Sponsored by the Girls Scouts, this special night only comes once a year! Join your fellow Star Wars fans and enjoy a night of fun.
- Spring & Mother's/Father's Day Craft Event Saturday, May 6 from 9:00 AM 12:00 PM & 2:00 4:00 PM. Volunteers are needed for setup, maintenance and clean-up. All ages; toddlers to teens to adult crafts will be there. Again, there is no charge, but we are asking for a donation item for the "We Love Our Pets" Donation Drive. See the *Cedarhurst Gives* section on Page 8 for more information.
- Community Yard Sale Saturday, May 13 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. (Rain Date May 20) If you'd like to participate in this year's yard sale, email <a href="mailto:Cedarhurstevents@gmail.com">Cedarhurstevents@gmail.com</a> providing your address. We will advertise and promote the yard sale so all you need to do is focus on setting up & selling your treasures.

Please look out for emails containing important event updates. Email is the best way to communicate event details with Cedarhurst Residents. If you or your neighbor needs to be added to the email distribution list, please send an email to <a href="mailto:cedarhurstsecretary@gmail.com">cedarhurstsecretary@gmail.com</a>.

Kindly Note: Cedarhurst Events are limited to Cedarhurst Residents Only.

#### First Annual Chili Cook-off

The first Annual Chili Cook-Off was a success! Congratulations to our winners... In the red meat category, **Alexander Marr**, **Amanda Cole**, and **Hal Johnson**; for chicken chili, **Betsy Weinkam**; and for vegetarian, **Jim Foster**. Thank you to everyone who participated and brought the delicious side dishes and desserts! We may need to have cornbread and cookie categories next year.







#### **Neighborly Tips**

- No dumping, please do not dump your raked leaves or yard waste onto someone else's property.
- The county has an easement on the ditch or swale by your house. Please do not block the flow or access by filling the ditch or leaving items there.
- Thanks to all you dogwalkers that pickup after your pets. It's the right thing to do and is appreciated!
- Please keep your dogs away from the playground. It's for kids not dogs.
- The community property is for the use and enjoyment of all residents. Please do not ride motorized vehicles on the community property.
- Please practice good driving habits in our community. **Stop** at stop signs. Use your turn signals. Do not speed. Yield to bicycles and pedestrians. Watch out for pets and wildlife. We all need to share the road.
- Can emergency vehicles get past your vehicles parked on the street? It's a matter of safety.

#### 2023 Mosquito Control Spraying

Mark your calendar, mosquito control Spraying will start on May 31. The Fog Program begins May 31, ending on October 3. Our community spray day/time will be announced in the next newsletter.

Residents who do not wish their property to be fogged may file an exemption by <u>clicking here</u>. For more information about the County's Mosquito Control Spraying, <u>click here</u>.

#### Did You Know?

April is Stress Awareness Month. Try to alleviate your stress to help restore calm and serenity in your chaotic life. What are some ways you can de-stress?

- Meditate. Take a walk to the beach, sit on the park bench, close your eyes, and take in all the senses.
- Make your favorite treat!
- Exercise. Take a walk around the neighborhood.
- Photograph your walk and review photos when you get home.
- Yoga. Wake up early with a good 10-minute stretch session.
- Keep a Journal. Visit the pier with a notepad and write down your thoughts.
- Take a chair out to the peninsula and bring your favorite book to read.
- Laugh More. "Can bees fly in the rain? Sure, if they wear yellow jackets!"
- Get musical & be creative. Put on your favorite music, and dance like no one is watching.

## May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Ways to maintain a positive mental health include:

- Getting professional help if you need it
- Connecting with others
- Staying positive
- Getting physically active

- Helping others
- Getting enough sleep
- Developing coping skills

Text/Call 9-8-8 for the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

This lifeline is available to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress.

Cedarhurst Community Members will begin monthly donations to various local organizations. If you know of a local organization, email the name and contact information to CedarhurstEvents@gmail.com.

In April and May, we will be collecting donations to support local animal shelters. Items can be dropped off at any of the Community Events, or can be scheduled for pick-up through CedarhurstEvents@gmail.com.

### Cedarhurst April & May Charity "We Love Our Pets" Donation Drive

Most items are welcome, but the following was suggested:

#### **Pet Supplies**

Dog & Cat Food (wet and/or dry)

**Cat Litter** 

**Dog & Cat Treats** 

Rabbit Food

**Towels & Blankets** 

Collars & Harnesses

Leashes

**Food & Water Bowls** 

#### **Animal Shelter Supplies**

**Bleach** 

**Clorox Wipes** 

Dish Soap

**Sponges** 



# Clubs to join

Garden Club Tuesday's April 4th & May 2nd @ 6:30pm

Historic Research Tuesday's April 11th & May 9th @ 6:30pm

Neighbor Craft Night Tuesday's April 18th & May 16th @ 6:30pm





No charge.
Animal shelter donation encouraged.
Cedarhurst residents only.
Ages 2-12 can hunt.
Crafts available for kids & older siblings.

Saturday, April 8th
Community House parking lot
9:30am Crafts & Bunny Photos
10am Egg Hunt
RSVP via email by 4/2,
include number and age(s)
of participants,
& volunteers

Fellow volunteers are needed to make this day happen. RSVP is needed to take photos and egg hunt. Email

CedarhurstEvents@gmail.com

