

# CEDARHURST *on the Bay*

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## Cedarhurst Citizens Association (CCA) Events

**Historical Research Committee** | Tuesday, January 9 @ 6:30 PM

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

**Movie Night & Food Truck** | Friday, January 12 (details tbd)

**Movie Night & Food Truck** | Friday, February 9 (details tbd)

**Valentines & Winter Crafts** | Saturday, February 10 (details tbd)

**Historical Research Committee** | Tuesday, February 13 @ 6:30 PM

**General Meeting** | Thursday, February 22 @ 7:30 PM

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

## From the President, Chuck Quintero

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Dear Cedarhurst Community,

Happy 2024! I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in our recent elections, the community meetings over the last year, and all of the events and activities that have brought us together.

Congratulations to our newly elected board members! We appreciate your commitment to serving our community, and I eagerly look forward to the fresh ideas and perspectives you bring. Your roles are pivotal in shaping the future of Cedarhurst, and I am confident that together, we will achieve great things.

A big thank you to our outgoing board members as well. Your dedication and hard work have significantly contributed to our community's well-being and set a high bar for continued success.

Our community thrives because of the tireless efforts of volunteers who manage everything from our grounds to the maintenance of the marina, pier, and Community House. To those who manage our finances, organize events, and quietly contribute in countless ways, your work does not go unnoticed.

As we embark on this year, let's keep up the momentum. Your participation, whether in board meetings, community events, or casual encounters around the neighborhood, strengthens the fabric of Cedarhurst. Every contribution, big or small, matters.

Here's to a year of community, collaboration, and shared success. Let's make Cedarhurst an even more vibrant and connected place for all of us in 2024.

Best,  
Chuck

## From the Secretary, Pam Foster

[CedarhurstSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:CedarhurstSecretary@gmail.com)

We hope to see you at the next General Meeting on Thursday, February 22, 7:30 PM. As always, there's a lot going on. At General Meetings, Committee Chairs and Board Members report on their activities and plans, as well as answer questions.

## From the Treasurer, Betsy Weinkam

[bweinkam@gmail.com](mailto:bweinkam@gmail.com)

By now, you should have all received a copy of the Special Community Benefit District (SCBD) and Shore Erosion Control District (SECD) Budgets for FY25, which run from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. The combined tax rate remains the same as the last 3 years - \$0.224. In Cedarhurst, we do not tax an equal amount for each property. Our District was set up to tax an amount based on \$100 of assessed property value. Here's an example - if your assessed property value is \$300,000, you would divide that amount by \$100 then multiply it by the tax rate -  $\$300,00/100 \times \$0.224 = \$672.00$ . So, when the county sends out your property tax bill, \$672 would be included in that amount. The county then divides that amount between the 2 taxing districts based on the tax rate we determined for each district. For FY 25, the tax rate for SCBD is 0.040 and for the SECD it is 0.184 and together the total tax rate is \$0.224. The tax rate is determined each year by the Budget Committee based on what we project our needs will be in the coming fiscal year. The budget is submitted to the County by January 31, 2024.

The most recent budget report is included on pages 7 & 8. And as always, I would be happy to email you one any time.

The County recently paid the community \$54,466.59 from the tax money collected from the citizens in September. The community should receive another check, in a few months, for the remainder owed to us.

## Cedarhurst Security | Message from Corporal Rovell

[p91963@aacounty.org](mailto:p91963@aacounty.org)

Message from Cpl. Rovell:

Now that we are in the height of the holiday season it can be easy to forget about some safety issues. I'd like to talk about vehicle safety. Traveling this winter be sure your vehicle is in good running condition, get plenty of rest, and be prepared for any emergency. We all know the weather in Maryland is unpredictable. We have already had our first little bit of snow.

While the weather is still somewhat mild it's a good time to make sure all the maintenance is completed on your vehicle including filling washer fluid and checking your tires to include the pressure. It's a good idea to have an emergency kit as well including bottles of water and non-perishable snacks, an emergency blanket, a flashlight, and flairs. If you are traveling a long distance get a good night's sleep before leaving and pull over frequently to avoid sleepy driving. Give yourself plenty of time. We all know how fun Maryland traffic is.

Last but not least, and I will always repeat this. Designate a sober driver to ensure everyone makes it home safely after a party. I wish you all the happiest holiday season and a very Happy New Year!

As always please feel free to contact me with any issues: [p91963@aacounty.org](mailto:p91963@aacounty.org). If there is immediate action necessary please contact 911.

## Historical Research Committee, Elaina Uhl

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The Historic Research Committee will continue to interview residents about Cedarhurst history and the community. (Second Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 PM)

We would like to thank the committee and all of residents who have already shared their experiences with us.

Your participation and help are vital. Take pride and be part of our beautiful Cedarhurst history! Please contact Elaina if you are interested in being interviewed. [elaina.lill@gmail.com](mailto:elaina.lill@gmail.com) or (845) 943-8160

Elaina Uhl  
Historic Research Committee Chair

## Shoreline Restoration Committee, Jim Foster

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The committee is engaging with Underwood & Associates to continue design and permitting. We are also pursuing a second opinion to see where we can “value engineer” some benefits.

## Pier Update

The board had budgeted to replace the pier decking and in preparation for that work we had an engineering firm evaluate the structure. The engineer made several recommendations for repairs and upgrades and we are pursuing getting those things completed this year. Re-decking of the land side portion of the pier will be included as they will need to access the beams that go over the riprap in order to make repairs.

## Grounds Committee, Pam Foster

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Do you spend time on the playground? Have you been looking for a way to volunteer? We'd love to have a playground coordinator – someone to let us know if equipment is loose or broken, if we need another bench, voice ideas or concerns, etc. The first task would be to research a new swing option. If that sounds like something you'd like to do, please contact me.

We have 7 acres of community grounds and there's always something that needs to be done. If you would like to be notified when small gardening tasks like planting, cutting back grasses, watering gardens, trimming branches, or pulling invasives that pop up, please contact me. I'd love to have a team of volunteers. Many hands make light work!

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

## Garden Club | Rose Bademan

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The Garden Club is on winter-break, stay tuned for Spring activities in the next newsletter. Stay warm!

## Email Updates

[CedarhurstSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:CedarhurstSecretary@gmail.com)

Sign up for the Cedarhurst e-mail distribution list to receive updates on community information by contacting Cedarhurst Secretary **Pam Foster** at [cedarhurstsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:cedarhurstsecretary@gmail.com). Please share this with your neighbors!

## Community House Committee, Rose Bademan

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Did you know that you can now check for available dates at any time using the link below? 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](mailto:CedarhurstCommunityHouse@gmail.com).

[Availability Calendar](#) \*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 our rental volunteer at [CedarhurstCommunityHouse@gmail.com](mailto:CedarhurstCommunityHouse@gmail.com)

A contract has been signed to replace the windows in the Community House. The work is scheduled for later this winter. The new windows on the Bay side will have a large picture window in the center of each set with double hung windows on both sides. Those new double hung windows will have built-in stops to keep the windows from opening further than 4 inches for safety. The windows on the porch side will be replaced in kind. All 43 windows in the house will be replaced and properly finished inside and out.

New fire extinguishers were placed in the building. The fire alarm panel was repaired and a new monitoring company was selected to maintain and monitor the fire alarm system.

The camera software and a couple new cameras were installed and are being commissioned. The cameras, batteries, and solar panel on the pier will be removed this spring. The cameras didn't have enough power to function correctly.

## Harbor Committee, Jim Foster, Harbor Administrator

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Water is off and most boats are pulled and winterized. Of course my own boat remains in and poorly taken care of! Hopefully soon. It never ceases to amaze me how fast the season ends. I feel like we were all just going out and having fun last week.

We will start the next season again soon. Yes we have slips and look forward to a fresh season

We are moving forward with installing electrical access around the harbor and replacing the acorn light fixtures with high top fixtures that direct more light down instead of into space.

We have \$46,394 in the Harbor account and our revenue for 2023 was \$14,250. Expenses were about \$4,700.

## Of Community Interest

[CedarhurstNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:CedarhurstNewsletter@gmail.com)

- We mourn the sudden loss of our neighbor and friend **Neil Osborne** of Pine Avenue who passed away on December 4. **Neil's** kind heart and witty humor will be missed.
- **Henry** and **Jamie-Marie Sliker** welcomed their son **Waylon Royal George Sliker** to the world on December 5. Happy Birthday **Waylon!**
- **Elaina Davis**, Daughter of **Shawn** and **Brittany Davis** and Granddaughter of **Linda** and **Rick Davis**, celebrates her 11th birthday on January 19. Happy Birthday **Elaina!**
- Destiny Smith and Morgan Foster are expecting a baby girl in late February making **Jim** and **Pam Foster** of Chesapeake Avenue "Poppi and Mimi." Congratulations **Jim** and **Pam!**

Email **Jennifer Dieux** at [cedarhurstnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:cedarhurstnewsletter@gmail.com) with any items of community interest—births, graduations, weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, engagements, etc.

## Editor's Note:

[CedarhurstNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:CedarhurstNewsletter@gmail.com)

Email **Jennifer Dieux** by February 20 at [CedarhurstNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:CedarhurstNewsletter@gmail.com) 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.

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Please visit the Cedarhurst website at [www.ccaonthebay.com](http://www.ccaonthebay.com) or join the group at [facebook.com/ccaonthebay](https://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.

## Anne Arundel County News

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

- **Friday Movie Night & Food Truck** - Join us Fridays January 12, and February 9. Movie times and features will be announced later. We are hoping to secure a food truck for movie nights. Food trucks will be for everyone, not just movie attendees. A separate email will go out with more information about the movies and about the food truck menu.
- **Valentines Day and Winter Craft Day at the Community House** - Join us on Saturday, February 10 for craft day at the Community House. Adult supervision is required for any children attending.

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 [cedarhurstsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:cedarhurstsecretary@gmail.com).

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

There is no charge to participate in any of the above events, we are asking for food pantry donations for local food pantries. See the *Cedarhurst Gives* section on Page 6 for more information.

## Neighborly Tips

- Reminder that the community trash cans have to go out as well as your trash and recycling on Sunday night. If you see a can that needs to go out, please lend a hand.
- Cedarhurst follows the county code. We do not have a Homeowners Association but rather Community Benefit Districts where we tax ourselves to raise funds for the community benefit. Please refer to the county code for questions regarding compliance. Typical issues are cars parked on county roads (our roads are county roads) with dead tags, car repair operations and or storage of commercial vehicles and equipment in a residential area.
- Please keep your dogs on a leash on community property and pick up their poop. We all use the space, let's keep it clean.
- Overnight parking on community property is not allowed. Imagine if every house in the neighborhood (400 homes) parked a car or camper in the pier or harbor parking lot. Short-term parking is ok but please be considerate of house rental events and people accessing their boats.
- Speaking of parking, we all share these narrow streets. Cars and trucks that are permanently parked on the streets can be a nuisance and create a safety concern for emergency vehicles. Please be considerate of your neighbors accessing their driveways.
- A permit is required to cut down trees on your property within 1000' of the Bay. We are in a zone known as the Critical Area where stormwater impacts from impervious surfaces, and reduced vegetation move quickly to the Bay.
- Remember to obey the speed limit and stop signs in our neighborhood.
- Did you know that school buses are now equipped with safety technology? Cameras have been installed to detect vehicles that illegally pass stopped school buses. Tickets will be issued to those that don't stop. Let's keep our children safe and obey school bus laws. Click [here](#) to learn more.

## Trash and Recycling

Our trash and recycle day is **Monday**.

Please note the following dates:

Monday, **January 1, New Year's Day**, Landfill will be closed, Monday collections will occur Tuesday.

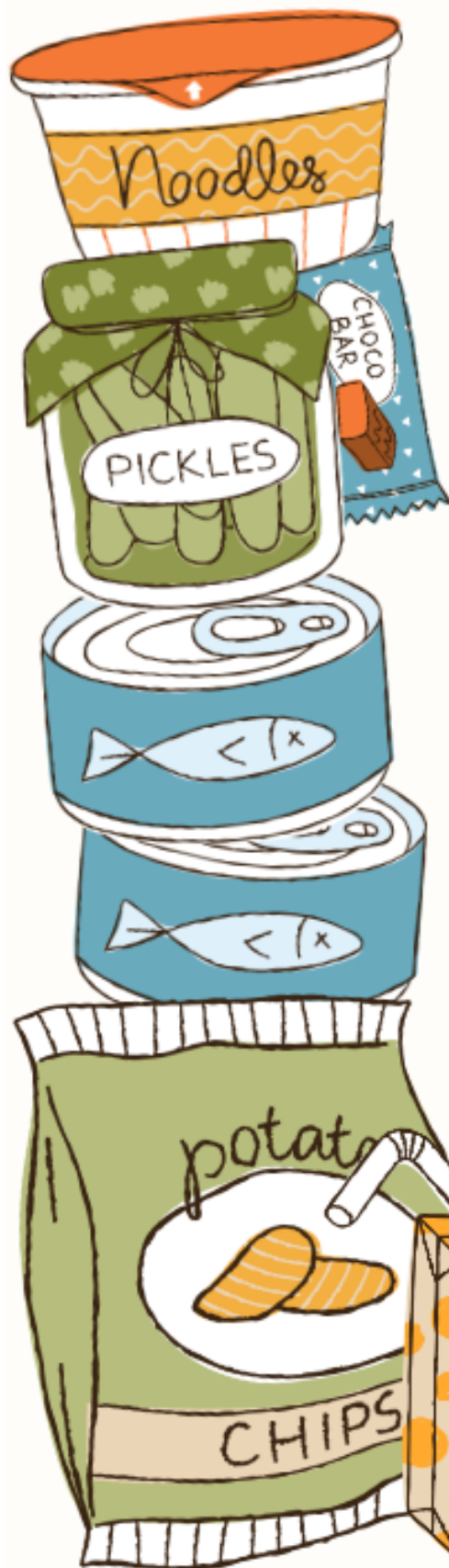
Monday, **January 15, MLK Birthday**, Landfill will be closed, normal curbside collections will occur.

Monday, **February 19, President's Day**, Landfill will be closed, normal curbside collections will occur.

For more information on curbside collection, landfill & recycling centers, and bulk pick up, click [here](#).



In January and February, we will be collecting pantry items for local food pantries. Items can be dropped off at any of the Community Events, or can be scheduled for pick-up through the above email.



## CEDARHURST GIVES

### January/February donations

- Canned Vegetables
- Vegetable oil
- Canned soups
- Ketchup & Mustard
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Crackers
- Juice
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Coffee & Tea
- Sugar & Flour
- Paper goods
- Baby food

FY 2024 Budget by Committees		2024 Budget	As of 12.20.23
Carry over amount in bank from FY 23 starting balance			\$168,071.74
Payments from County 6.27.23			\$2,548.01
Payment 12.5.23			\$54,466.59
<b>SubTotal in SCBD</b>			<b>\$225,086.34</b>
Spent to Date			\$109,560.65
<b>Total in SCBD</b>			<b>\$115,525.69</b>
<b>Grounds</b>	Mowing	\$13,000.00	\$13,862.00
	Plantings	\$5,000.00	\$125.90
	Tables & Benches	\$2,000.00	
	Wetland/Marsh	\$15,000.00	\$7,650.00
	Pier Parking Lot		\$7,154.93
	Maintenance/Improvements	\$10,000.00	\$2,750.26
	Childrens Garden		
	Survey		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,000.00</b>	<b>\$31,543.09</b>
<b>Structures</b>			
<b>Community House</b>	Fire protection	\$6,000.00	\$3,357.22
	Surveillance	\$2,000.00	\$4,470.00
	BGE	\$5,000.00	\$1,563.93
	Comcast/Fios	\$2,500.00	\$1,496.06
	Replace ceiling under House		
	Sound panels		
	Exterior cleaning		
	Maintenance/Improvements	\$21,000.00	\$944.69
	Replace windows	\$85,000.00	\$32,571.00
	Floor Maintenance		
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$121,500.00</b>	<b>\$44,402.90</b>
<b>Pier</b>	Maintenance/Improvements	\$100,000.00	\$184.25
<b>Playground</b>	Maintenance/Improvements	\$4,000.00	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$225,500.00</b>	<b>\$44,587.15</b>
<b>Social/Hospitality</b>	Fall Crafts	\$500.00	\$577.70
	Halloween	\$500.00	\$442.13
	Fishing Derby	\$1,000.00	
	Events	\$11,000.00	\$428.42
	4th of July		\$239.53
	Yard Sale		\$336.00
	Celebrate Cedarhurst	\$20,000.00	\$15,269.89
	Holiday Crafting Day	\$3,000.00	\$2,381.00
	History Exhibit	\$500.00	
	Hospitality	\$500.00	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,000.00</b>	<b>\$19,674.67</b>
<b>Communications</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>\$279.84</b>

<b>Administrative</b>	Office Supplies/Software	\$3,000.00	\$945.21
	Budget Mailing	\$400.00	\$359.08
	Professional Services	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
	Insurance & Bond	\$17,000.00	\$5,731.21
	Security	\$5,000.00	\$1,820.00
	AA Co Stormwater fee	\$600.00	\$620.40
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,000.00</b>	<b>\$11,475.90</b>
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$336,800.00</b>	<b>\$107,560.65</b>
	County Fee	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
<b>TOTAL SCBD</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$338,800.00</b>	<b>\$109,560.65</b>
<b>Harbor Income</b>	Carried over from FY23		\$47,804.18
	Slip Rentals		\$1,050.00
	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$48,854.18</b>
<b>Harbor Expenses</b>	BGE	\$5,000.00	\$2,308.94
	Water	\$500.00	
	Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$150.62
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,500.00</b>	<b>\$2,459.56</b>
	<b>Balance in Harbor Account</b>		<b>\$46,394.62</b>
<b>Community House Income</b>	Carried over from FY23		\$18,893.71
	Rentals		\$5,700.00
	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$24,593.71</b>
<b>Community House Expense</b>	Refunds		\$1,500.00
	Cleaning		\$6,464.00
	Supplies		\$236.55
	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$8,200.55</b>
	<b>Balance in Comm. Hse Account</b>		<b>\$16,393.16</b>
<b>TOTAL SECD</b>	Cash Balance 6.30.23	<b>\$112,531.56</b>	
	Funds Collected by County		
<b>Expenses for FY24</b>	Loan Payment	\$65,735.27	\$67,322.71
	Shoreline design/permitting	\$100,000.00	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$165,735.27</b>	