



# Cedarhurst on the Bay Community Newsletter

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**CCA General Meeting  
Meet & Greet the New Board  
Thursday, December 8, 7:30 p.m.**

**CCA Holiday Craft Day  
Saturday, December 10  
Holiday Crafts 10 a.m. -12:30 p.m.  
(Kids, Teen, & Adults)  
Bow & Wreath Making, 2-4:00 p.m.  
(Teens & Adults)**

**CCA BOD Meeting  
Thursday, January 12, 7:00 p.m.**

## From the President:

Chuck Quintero (207-838-7181)  
[cedarhurstpresident@gmail.com](mailto:cedarhurstpresident@gmail.com)

Welcome to the December/January Cedarhurst on the Bay Community Newsletter. I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you as the new president of the Cedarhurst Community Association (CCA). Our family moved here a little over five years ago. We wish we had found this special place earlier but we got here as fast as we could. We live in the blue two-story house across from the playground. Please feel free to stop by and say hello next time you are out for a walk, and please call me with any community related questions or concerns. I look forward to working with all of you over the next year.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. For me it is always bitter sweet when I start to see the boats in the marina come out of the water but it means that the holiday season is here, and I hope that yours is off to a great start.

There are a few events taking place around the community the next few weeks. My family is very much looking forward to getting to meet everyone next Thursday, and also looking forward to the wreath and crafting event taking place on December 10th. We are

also looking forward to all the holiday decorations around the neighborhood.

I would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to Skip and Nica Miano- the outgoing CCA president and secretary. Their work on the board over more than a decade has been invaluable to making the place we call home such a special place.

I also want to share my family's sugar cookie recipe, we make at least a hundred of these each winter and they are always a hit.

### Quintero Family Sugar Cookies

Prep Time: 20 min. (plus an hour in the fridge)  
Cook time: 8-10 min. (Makes approx. 20 cookies)

#### Ingredients:

½ C. softened (not melted) butter    1 & ⅓ C. all-purpose flour  
⅔ C. granulated sugar                    ¾ Tsp. baking powder  
1 extra large egg                            ¼ Tsp. salt  
¼ Tsp. vanilla extract

#### Directions:

1. In a large bowl, cream together butter and sugar until smooth. Beat in the egg and vanilla extract. Next add the flour, baking powder, and salt. Cover and chill dough for at least an hour (but overnight is best, you want to keep the dough cool while you roll it out and go to work with your cookie cutters)
2. While the oven preheats 400 degrees Fahrenheit, roll out your dough on a floured surface. It is best to keep the dough ¼ to ½ inch thick. Cut your dough with your cookie cutters and place on your cookie sheet (parchment paper makes clean up easy here)- leave plenty of room between cookies at least a couple of inches.
3. Bake for 8 to 10 mins depending on your oven and preference, letting them completely cool
4. Decorate and enjoy!

Best,  
Chuck Quintero

## From the Secretary:

Pam Foster

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

Please join us for the December General Meeting. The Board of Directors will provide short updates, followed by an opportunity to meet and greet. Cookies and cider will be provided!

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? If you know a resident who would like to receive CCA emails, please contact me at [cedarhurstsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:cedarhurstsecretary@gmail.com).

## Treasurers Report:

Betsy Weinkam

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Over the last month we have been working on our budget for fiscal year 2024 (July 1, 2023 -June 30, 2024). Sometime in December you will receive, by mail, our FY 24 budgets for the Special Community Benefit District (SCBD) and the Special Erosion Control District (SECD). The combined tax rate will remain the same as the last 2 years - \$.224 per \$100 of assessed value of your property. You will have an opportunity to comment or ask questions after you receive the budget. The FY 24 budget will be sent to the County for approval by the end of January 2023.

## Security:

### Cedarhurst Security Liaison

Daniel Miller

[dmiller0412@comcast.net](mailto:dmiller0412@comcast.net)

**Please call 911 immediately if you see something that isn't right.**

Police non-emergency number 410-222-8610.

## Message from Cpl. Rovell:

Happy Holidays Cedarhurst. This is the time of year meant for spending time with family and reflecting on the past year. I truly hope you all have a wonderful time.

Along with the joyous occasions comes bad actors unfortunately. There has already been an uptick of shopliftings and thefts county wide. It is just a matter of time before the package Grinch shows his ugly face. Thefts of packages off people's porches

have increased over the past years. While I hope I am wrong, I believe it will be higher this year due to economic and supply issues. If you know you will be receiving a delivery it may be smart to coordinate with someone to hold it until you can get home. Also, continue to track your package until it arrives. Some deliveries don't arrive until after dark, leaving your package out all night.

A safety concern of mine is always intoxicated drivers. If you find yourself or know someone who may have enjoyed a holiday party more than they should have, call for a ride. One of the worst parts of my job is responding to car crashes involving injuries. There are definitely enough services out there to help get you home safe and sound.

As always please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. [P91963@aacounty.org](mailto:P91963@aacounty.org).

Cpl. Rovell

## Community House Committee:

Karen O'Toole

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

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 serve basis. Kindly email your name, address, and desired rental date(s) to [CedarhurstCommunityHouse@gmail.com](mailto:CedarhurstCommunityHouse@gmail.com).
- 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, fees, and security deposit are received, a booking confirmation will be sent via email.
- Due to the time needed for cleaning/ disinfecting procedures after the events, we will only reserve 1 renter per weekend.

Any questions should be directed to

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

## Historical Research Committee:

Elaina Uhl

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## E-mail Updates:

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)

## Harbor Committee:

### Harbor Administrator

Jim Foster (443-994-9377)  
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### Harbormaster:

Rich Elmquist (443-223-6769)  
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## Harbor News

The season seems to keep going on. Now only if the weather would cooperate with when I want to go yachting! We know it will end soon so the water is off and winterized. We are waiting for approval for the County Office of Law for spending the funds to dredge. It's a little difficult to follow, but the essence of it is the county needs to make sure that our Tax benefit District is authorized to spend tax money on this effort. We have been here previously but they want to have another look at it. I hope we can gain approval this week. We are considering how best to provide access to power around the harbor. I would appreciate any thoughts and help in moving that forward. We are not going to provide outlets at every slip but probably 7-9 posts that would allow an extension cord to be run less than 100' to your slip. Power is currently available near the floating dock with the picnic table as well as near the flag pole.

## Anne Arundel County News:

- Our Community Engagement and Constituent Services (CECS) Specialist for Region 8, Vincent Moulden can be contacted at [exmoul00@aacounty.org](mailto:exmoul00@aacounty.org) or 410-222-1260. Click [here](#) to visit the CECS webpage.
- Don't forget to check out the Anne Arundel County website for answers to all your questions: <http://www.aacounty.org>

## Shoreline Restoration Committee:

Jim Foster (443-994-9377)  
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The Shoreline Restoration Committee prepared a scope of work to evaluate the existing conditions of the riprap/bulkhead and develop a concept plan for recommended improvements. Our Goal is to "Provide protection for community waterfront property including land, pier, community house, and harbor by reducing incoming energy." This effort will result in a sustainable shoreline enhanced with habitat and access. This design should result in a 30+yr solution. Based on that evaluation, they will work with the community to develop a 30% concept plan for a sustainable shoreline.

Five design consultants were issued the request, three responded and Underwood & Associates (U&A) was selected based on qualifications, experience, price, and capacity to complete the work in a timely manner. We had a kickoff meeting last week and they will begin the evaluation of the existing conditions probably after the holidays. We anticipate completing these first two tasks by June 2023. There will be plenty of opportunity to engage in the process along the way and we welcome your input. This process will take at least three years from now and maybe more as we come together around a design, permitting, grant funding, and construction. Please let me know if you have questions or want to get involved.

## Of Community Interest:

- Best wishes to **Brooklyn Schweiss** and **Paul Cutler, Jr.** on Lake. The two were married on November 19.
- Cedarhurst Resident, **Jamie-Marie Sliker** celebrates her birthday on December 23. If you see her on Spruce, wish her a Happy Birthday!

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

## Community Relations Committee:

Chair Position Vacant

## Pier Update:

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An engineer evaluated the structural components of the pier and gave us their report. Overall the pier is in good condition and they gave us recommendations to improve a few things. I will try to post the report on the Community Website and am happy to share it with you.

Main Recommendations include:

- Replace missing pile caps and or Treat pile tops and exposed field cuts
- The rail was observed to be wobbly. This may be because the posts are bolted directly to the stringers with no additional stabilization measure. This can be rectified by installing larger (6"x6") posts and placing blocks between stringers at the post locations.
- Replace damaged stringers
- Decking along ramp, main pier and pier head in poor condition – replacement needed now
- Fascia board in poor condition – replacement is needed now.
- Ramp decking and toe rail in poor condition – replacement needed now.
- Ramp structure (split caps, stringers, support) in poor condition –replacement in 0 – 5 years
- Ramp support in fair to poor condition – replacement in 0 – 5 years Replacement of angle iron needed now and should consider replacement of piles
- Replace 2" members with larger structural lumber; formalize ramp support
- Ramp to pier interface in poor condition – replacement of 3"x8" stringers between ramp support and first pier pile with 3"x12" stringers and split pile caps for long stretch over revetment needed now.
- Consider adding riprap under pier to help stabilize ground and prevent washout and settlement.
- Title 7, Section 18-7-108 of the County code requires that water access piers provide ladders every 50-feet staggered on both sides of the pier. Additionally, personal floatation devices are required every 100-feet.

- Lastly the NFPA 1 Section 28.1.6 requires that portable fire extinguishers be provided on the pier every 75-feet.

We have some work to do but the report gives a roadmap to get a scope of work together.

## Grounds Committee:

Pam Foster (443-995-9847)  
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A committee has formed to redesign the pier parking lot.

Design goals include:

- improve visibility/security in the lot,
- reduce the parking area but not the number of parking spaces,
- reduce the opportunity to do donuts in the lot,
- provide walkway lighting with low path lights,
- upgrade signage for handicap parking, trash & recycling, CCA Residents Only, etc.,
- update wood posts to prevent vehicles from driving on pier walkway,
- camera coverage and/or a gate may be considered in the future.

If you have ideas, feel free to contact me.

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

## Neighborly Tips:

- The days are getting shorter and with less light, its more difficult to see people and pets on the streets. Please slow down and come to a full stop at our stop signs. Pedestrian accidents are on the rise nationwide. Let's not meet by accident!
- Animal etiquette: We are still hearing reports of barking dogs. We love our pets, some folks are less tolerant of hearing a dog barking day or night for extended periods. Please refer to the AA County website for more information on how to file a complaint if you are not getting any satisfaction after speaking with the pet's owner. visit: <https://www.aacounty.org/departments/animal-control/forms-and-publications/Affidavit-Complaint.pdf>  
We, as an Association, have no jurisdiction to work on your cause.

- What goes in the yellow recycling containers? The Right Stuff. Metal and glass cans and bottles, cardboard and paper are the best place to start. No yard waste, plastic bags, dog waste, or broken furniture and car parts.
- Our community elevations are very near sea level. It's hard for water to flow away when there is no grade (think Great Falls). How can we embrace the stormwater on our property? Planting trees and water loving plants and creating space for the water to soak in can really help. All the hard surfaces like driveways and roofs concentrate the rain and the ground becomes overwhelmed by too much water all at once. Maybe a rain barrel or rain garden is a solution that could help. The county is working hard to improve our stormwater management and if we can help a little it can go a long way.

## Code Enforcement Issues:

Cedarhurst is not a Home Owners Association with special rules. We follow the county code.

### Some recent Code Enforcement Issues in Anne Arundel County

- Using land for the parking, storage, collection, accumulation, or abandonment of an inoperable, wrecked, partially dismantled, or destroyed vehicle that does not display all information required by law, including a current registration plate and validation sticker.
- Unregistered Vehicles
- Construction of an addition without the required building permit
- Operating a home occupation business without an approved zoning certificate of use
- Grading without a grading permit and Grading without approved stormwater management plan.

## Editor's Note:

Email Jennifer Dieux by January 20 at [cedarhurstnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:cedarhurstnewsletter@gmail.com) 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 copy in the mail, kindly send us your mailing address.

## Trash & Recycling Day:

Our trash and recycling day is **MONDAY**. This year the **observed** Christmas and New Year Holidays both fall on a Monday (12/26/22 & 1/2/23), therefore, trash will be collected Tuesday.

Please [click here](#) to see Anne Arundel County's Trash and Recycling Brochure. This brochure has holidays listed, accepted/not accepted items, and also provides the contact information to our Waste Management Services.

## Communications Committee:

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## Building & Structures Committee:

Dan Miller (240-795-0214)  
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If you see any improvements or repair needs, please contact **Dan**.

## Social/Benevolence Committee:

Amanda Shick  
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Please join us on Saturday, December 10 for a fun filled holiday craft day at our Cedarhurst community house!

10am-12:30pm we will have an assortment of craft ornaments for all ages. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring something special to put in an ornament (photo, small toy, etc.). Adults must be present with children.

2-4 pm we will be making bows and holiday wreaths. All supplies will be provided, but it would be handy to bring a pair of wire cutters. You can choose to make your own bow or use one that is readily available as you creatively make your artificial holiday wreath. Teenagers and adults are welcome to participate.

We welcome treats to share the holiday spirit, snacks will be provided from our community volunteers

Please note, this is for Cedarhurst Residents.

Cedarhurst Residents

YOU ARE INVITED

# Holiday Craft Day

Community House  
Crafts. Snacks. Family Fun

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10am-12:30pm

Crafts & Ornaments  
(Toddlers, Kids, Teens & Adults)

2-4pm

Bow & Wreath Making  
(Teens & Adults)

Crafts require adult  
assistance & supervision