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Cedarhurst Citizens Association (CCA) Events

Movie Night | Friday, February 10 @ 5:30 PM for Children's Movie & 7:15 PM for Teens/Young Adult Movie

Winter & Valentines Craft Event | Sunday, February 12 @ 9:00 AM

General Meeting | Thursday, February 23 @ 7:30 PM

Cedarhurst Garden Club | Tuesday, March 7 @ 6:30 PM

Board of Directors Meeting | Thursday, March 9 @ 7:00 PM

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Spring Equinox Sock Burning & Chili Cook-off | Sunday, March 19 @ 4:00 PM

Historic Research Committee Meeting | Tuesday, March 14 @ 6:00 PM

From the President, Chuck Quintero

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Happy new year, and welcome to 2023's first edition of the Cedarhurst Citizens Association newsletter. I hope you all had a fantastic holiday season and that your year is off to a great start. We are excited to announce that we have made some changes to our newsletter format to better serve our community. I want to thank **Jennifer Dieux** for taking the initiative to develop this new format and for all of her hard work pulling these newsletters together! We hope that you will find these changes to be beneficial and that they will help keep you informed about what is happening in Cedarhurst. Feel free to send us items you would like to be considered for the next edition.

We had a great meeting in December where the community was able to come together and meet the new board members and share their ideas for what they would like to see in the future. It was also great to see so many of you at the ornament and wreath-making events last month. **Amanda Shick**, who heads up our Social and Benevolence committee, has been working on more great activities just like those that we hope will bring the community together even more in the year ahead. Keep an eye on future editions of this newsletter for more information.

As always, please feel free to call me directly if you would like to get more involved with the work of the Cedarhurst Citizens Association (CCA) or with any questions you might have about our work.

Thank you for being a part of our community!

Best,

Chuck

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From the Secretary, Pam Foster

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We hope to see you at the next General Meeting on Thursday, February 23, 7:30 PM. **Courtney Buiniskis**, our new Community Engagement Officer in the office of the County Executive and Cedarhurst resident, will be joining us to introduce herself and answer questions.

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.

From the Treasurer, Betsy Weinkam

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The Board approved Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024) was mailed out to all Cedarhurst property owners December 10. The question and comment period closed January 10, 2023 and the proposed FY 24 budget will be mailed to the County by January 20.

In early December, we received a check from the County in the amount of \$115,460.76. This covers the amount owed to Cedarhurst for the last fiscal year FY22 and a partial payment of this fiscal year FY23.

Cedarhurst Security Liaison, Daniel Miller

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Message from Cpl. Rovell:

Happy New Year Cedarhurst! I hope everyone had a happy holiday season.

The County Police recently put out an FYI that I would like to reiterate. There have been an uptick in Theft From Auto (TFA) and burglaries throughout the county. There have been cases where suspects enter cars and use garage door openers to enter the residence. On one case I personally had (not in Cedarhurst) a husband kept a spare set of his wife's keys in his vehicle. The suspects then stole her car! South County hasn't been immune to it either. Cedarhurst has been pretty good, but let's not leave it to chance. Please ensure you are locking your car doors. If you have a video doorbell please make sure the batteries are charged.

If you see something out of the ordinary please call 911 or the non-emergency line (410) 222-8610.

As always, please feel free to contact me via email if you have any issues p91963@aacounty.org.

Cpl. Rovell

Social/Benevolence Committee, Amanda Shick

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- **Movie Night** - We will be hosting movie nights the 2nd Friday of every month. Join us Fridays February 10 & March 10. On February 10, the Children's movie, *Trolls*, will air at 5:30 PM, followed by the Teen/Young Adult movie, *The Princess Bride* airing at 7:15 PM. We have also been able to secure a food truck from 5-7:30 PM that night, **DMV & Beyond Cafe** food truck will have food for sale, and is available for everyone (not just the movie attendees). A separate email will go out with more information and the menu link. There is no charge for the movie, but we are asking for a donation item for the Franklin United Methodist Church Food Pantry if you are able to contribute. See the *Cedarhurst Gives* section on Page 6 for more information.
- **Winter & Valentines Craft Event** - Sunday, February 12 from 9-11:30 AM. 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 Franklin United Methodist Church Food Pantry if you are able to contribute. See the *Cedarhurst Gives* section on Page 6 for more information.
- **Spring Equinox Sock Burning & Chili Cook-off** - Sunday, March 19 at 4:00 PM (set-up begins at 2:00 PM). Bring your socks and your chili. The Community house will be open at 2:00 PM for contestants to set up their crockpots/warmers. There will be three categories; white meat, red meat, and vegetarian. Sock burning will commence at 4:00 PM followed by the chili contest judging/results at 5:30 PM. Tables and dining supplies will be provided, chili contestants need to bring extension cords, chili, and appetizers or desserts to share. We are looking forward to seeing everyone!
- **Bingo Night** - We would like to have a community bingo night, in order to make this happen, we need volunteers to help with prizes, planning, and we need an Emcee for calling B-I-N-G-O! If you or one of your neighbors could help with this, please contact me at CedarhurstEvents@gmail.com.

Good news for those looking to rent the Community House. We are excited to announce that the Cedarhurst Board of Directors has voted to remove the one renter per weekend restriction. This opens up more availability! As we will start having "back-to-back" renters again, please be considerate of your fellow neighbors and leave the Community House sparkly clean after your rental.

Did you know that new floors were recently installed in the Community House? Please help keep them looking good for everyone by not dragging chairs and tables on them during set-up and clean-up at your event.

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 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.

Any questions should be directed to CedarhurstCommunityHouse.

Harbor Committee, Jim Foster, Harbor Administrator

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All is quiet in the harbor...except for the frolicking otters! We saw three of them swimming around and they have been despoiling the kayak and dock float on the floating dock! Otters are a great indicator of improved water quality and ok habitat.

The dredging project is not moving forward as quickly as I would like. The contractor of course got busy and has not been able to schedule the work.

We are looking at changing the light fixtures on the poles to focus the light more into the harbor and parking lots. The globes spread it all around and some of the light is on its way to Pluto.

We'll plan Harbor Clean up for April 15th this year.

Shoreline Restoration Committee, Jim Foster

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Some members of the committee join staff from Underwood & Associates to document current site conditions. The first task for Underwood is to evaluate the conditions and report back to the committee. We will share the report with the community. This will then for the basis for any recommended shoreline restoration plans leading to a 30% design concept plan. We hope to have that prepared and ready for the community presentation in April at the regularly scheduled community meeting.

Editor's Note:

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Email **Jennifer Dieux** by March 20 at 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 printed copy in the mail, kindly send us your mailing address.

Of Community Interest

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- **Karen Jacobs** just moved here to Spruce Avenue She is looking forward to meeting her neighbors and making friends. We welcome **Karen!**
- Congratulations to **Brian** and **Kate Moore** on Pine Avenue. They celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary on January 24th.
- **Rob Leone** on Cedar Avenue just recently retired from UPS. If you see **Rob**, please congratulate him on his retirement.
- Welcome **Russ** and **Christina** who just moved in on Pine Avenue. We're glad you're here!
- Sad news, **Al Jones** on Maple Avenue passed away on January 21, 2023. Al was the captain of a charter boat in Deale called "The My Bea." **Al** was 94 years old!

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

Building & Structures, Dan Miller

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

We have requested quotes for replacement windows on the east side of the Community House. For the pier, we have requested quotes for the deck repair/replacement. The cameras installed on the pier were having technical trouble during the cold spell we had in December. We have submitted a repair order to prevent future problems.

Grounds Committee, Pam Foster

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It's beginning to look a lot like winter, when the evergreens, including our namesake cedars, and elegant dormant grasses take center stage.

March is the ideal time to cut back grasses, before warm days trigger new growth, and the best time to trim bushes and crape myrtles, but please don't commit 'crape murder'! Contrary to popular belief, crape myrtles do not need to be cut back severely each year. In fact, this type of pruning can be harmful to the tree, making it more susceptible to environmental, insect and fungal stressors. They only need to be trimmed/shaped when they are young and, even then, only low branches smaller than the thickness of a pencil. Once your crape myrtle has been trained /shaped, let it grow!

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

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.

Know the code! Click [here](#) to visit Anne Arundel County's Code Compliance site.

Anne Arundel County News

Our Community Engagement and Constituent Services (CECS) Specialist for Region 8, Courtney Buinskis, can be contacted at 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

Community Relations

Chair Position Vacant

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

Historical Research Committee, Elaina Uhl

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Cedarhurst Historic Research Committee will resume meetings on Tuesday, March 14, 6-7pm, to prepare for this September's exhibit. We will meet every second Tuesday of the month thereafter 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. We will be 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. Please contact me at elaina.lill@gmail.com or (845) 943-8160 if you:

- Have ideas, information, memories, or materials to share/donate.
- Are interested in joining the committee.
- Are interested in helping contribute to the research and/or assemble the exhibit.
- Have children interested in participating by conducting research or creating arts and crafts related to climate change and local storm history.

Take pride and be part of our beautiful Cedarhurst history! Volunteers of all ages and skills are welcome.

Elaina Uhl

Historic Research Committee Chair

Communications | Brian Moore

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

Trash & Recycling

Our trash and recycling day is MONDAY. On Monday, February 20, we celebrate President's Day. Please note that Anne Arundel County Landfill and Recycling Centers will be closed, but normal curbside collections will occur. For more information on curbside collections click [here](#).

What **does** go in the yellow bin?

- Plastic Bottles & Containers
- Metal Food & Beverage Cans | Paper
- Magazines, & Newspaper | Glass Bottles & Jars

**No sorting. Leave lids and labels on.
Do not bag recyclables.**

What **doesn't** go in the yellow bin?

- No soiled paper, food, or liquids
- No Foam Cups or Containers
- No Yard Waste
- No Clothing, Furniture, Carpet, or Tarps
- No Scrap Metal, hoses, cords, or wires
- No Batteries, Electrics, or Tanks

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 February and March, we will be collecting donations to support pantries through Franklin United Methodist Church. Items can be dropped off at the Community Events (movie night or craft event), and can be scheduled for pick-up through CedarhurstEvents@gmail.com.

Cedarhurst Donation Supply Drive Franklin United Methodist Food Pantry

Most items are welcome, but the following was suggested:

There are 2 pantries, **Food and Senior**

Food pantry suggestions:

Meal in a can/box

Items for kids -

cereal, granola bars

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Spaghetti

Spaghetti sauce

Condiments

Olive oil

Fridge items -

milk & eggs

Senior pantry:

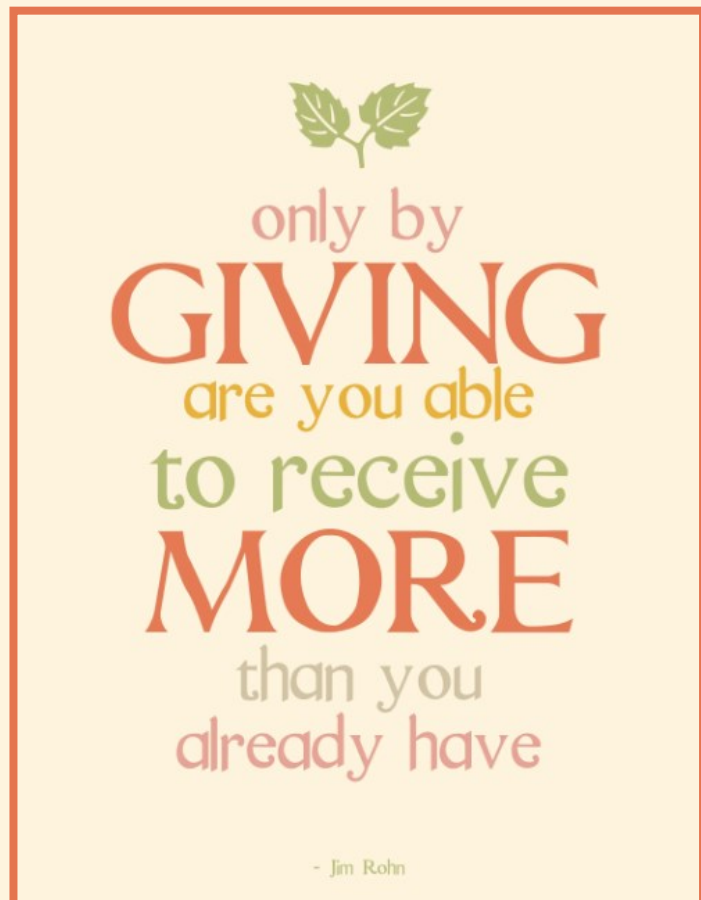
Ensure

Boost

Senior diapers

Other:

Reusable shopping bags



Neighborly Tips

- Pick up your butts—Cigarettes are one of the most common debris found in coastal areas. Most cigarette filters are made of a plastic like material that isn't easy to degrade. The fibers in cigarette filters behave just like plastics in our waterways. One filter ends up being thousands of tiny microplastics. Microplastics impact marine organisms and habitats. To learn more visit <https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/most-common-ocean-litter.html>. If you smoke, place your cigarette butt in a proper receptacle, not on the street.
- Does your car or truck exhaust meet community standards for noise and emissions? Is your vehicle leaking more oil than we buy from Saudi Arabia? If more gas is going out your tailpipe than towards moving it forward maybe your engine needs maintenance. Please consider your neighbors in our small community and the impacts from noisy, smelly, leaking vehicles and minibikes.
- If you use gas appliances you should have a Carbon Monoxide (CO) detector as well as a smoke detector in your house. Many homes are total electric so don't need a CO monitor. The recent flare up (no pun intended) about gas stoves is really about elevated asthma associated with some of the off gasses on children. The report does discuss possible solutions including better ventilation. Particulate pollution from diesel exhaust is also associated with elevated asthma levels in children and reduced indoor air quality in buildings when exhaust is drawn in the outside air intakes. What chemicals are you exposed to in your home or at work? What are the routes of exposure? Are family or coworkers more susceptible to those exposures?
- 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.

Facts on Foxes | Did you know?

Foxes live in underground dens.

What do foxes eat? Foxes have a very varied diet. Foxes are expert hunters, catching rabbits, rodents, birds, frogs and earthworms. Red foxes have excellent hearing—they can hear rodents digging miles underground. But they aren't carnivores – they are actually omnivores as they dine on berries and fruit too.

Foxes have more than 20 different calls.

Foxes are extremely playful. Foxes love to play. They're even known to steal golf balls from golf courses to play with! Foxes play alone, with other foxes and other animals-even deer!

Do foxes attack humans? Foxes are not dangerous and do not attack humans, except when they are rabid, which is very rare, or when they are captured and handled. Even then, a fox's natural tendency is to flee rather than fight.

Do foxes eat or attack cats, dogs or other pets? A typical adult cat is almost the same size as a fox and has a well-deserved reputation for self-defense, so foxes are generally uninterested in taking cats. Kittens and very small (less than five pounds) adult cats, however, could be prey for a fox.

Foxes are considered to be solitary animals.

Foxes only reproduce once a year. Foxes breed only once a year and mating usually occurs in January or early February. The vixen (female fox) then remains pregnant for around 60 days and will birth a typical litter of 4 – 6 cubs around March or April.

Baby foxes are unable to see, walk or thermoregulate when they are born

Mothers will typically nurse their cubs for the first two months of their lives until they develop these functions. Meanwhile, the male fox will go out and hunt for the family. The mother stays with the cubs (kits) in the den for around three weeks before the cubs venture out with their mother for the first time. Kits stay with their parents for about 7 months.

Foxes live 2-4 years.