

The Messenger



President's Corner

Hope everyone is ready for the 2006 spring weather! Your Board has many projects planned for this year however, the snow storm that took down so many trees and limbs might cause us to postpone some of these projects. We will pursue them as soon as it is feasible.

Lake: We are looking at dredging the inlet ends of the lake and the planting of grasses to reduce algae. The *Fishing Tournament* is being scheduled for a Saturday in August or early September; no date is finalized at this time. Check the website and look for signs around the community this summer for the exact date.
(www.croftonmeadows.com)

Security: We have two officers that patrol our community at random hours every week. We have had some communities voicing concern that they never see the officers, so this has been addressed and the officers give us written reports of what hours they work and what community they visit. They are going into your sub divisions, parking and walking. That is normal procedure if all is quiet, but if there are specific problems those are addressed first. They will be doing Radar checks for speeders - keep your speed down and you won't get a ticket!

Inspections: Earlier this year we did a community inspection for violations; the majority of violations were corrected by the homeowners in very short order. We thank you for that. These inspections are necessary to keep our property values up. There still are a few residents that have not complied and we are trying to get those resolved without going the legal route which is costly to the violators and the CMHOA.

CMHOA Dues: We have a new attorney for the Meadows and he is very aggressively attempting to collect from delinquent accounts. Please pay your bills before they are turned over to our attorney. The legal fees will probably be more than you would owe if you paid on time. This year you can pay by credit card if you wish. Just call Procom and they will tell you how to go about it (410-721-0777). This could help keep your account from being referred to the Attorney.

Sports: The ASA Soccer Association should be having practices and some local games starting this month.

Have a Happy and Healthy Summer in the 'Meadows'!
Percy Sussex - President

Community Yard Sale

Clean the clutter - make some money - have some fun!

Saturday April 29th 8am - 12 noon
Raindate Sunday April 30th
Advertised in the Pennysaver

Community Connections

CMHOA is an “umbrella” association, servicing the 1,500 homes in the Crofton Meadows area. In addition, there are sub-associations dedicated to the needs of each individual subdivision. Following is a contact list for the sub-associations of Crofton Meadows.

Bancroft Community: Don Kipfer (ProCom) 410-721-0777 x131

Habitat I, Section A: Adam Johnson 301-261-0611

Habitat B: Diane Collins (ProCom) 410-721-0777 x142

Jones Falls : American Community Mgmt. Carolyn Carpenter 410-997-7767

Meadowcroft: Kerrie Wilson (ProCom) 410-721-0777 x137

Townhouse 1: John Sheehy (DH Bader Management) 301-953-1955 x11

Townhouse 2: Joan Guynn (Commanco) 410-721-7171 x123

Townhouse 3: Ronald Mills 301-261-6453

Townhouse 4: Ralph Hudson Bay West Mgmt. PO Box 786 Crownsville, MD 21032 410-897-0207

Townhouse 6: Andrea Pope (ProCom) 410-721-0777 x143

Townhouse W-1: Krista Noble 410-721-0929

Treasurer's Report

Per Crofton Meadows' 1st quarter treasury report for 2006, the community remains financially viable, although there have been some major hurdles to overcome in the first three months of the year.

The Townhouse 1 project finally looks to be implemented within the next few months. This is a major expenditure of which the CMHOA and Townhouse 1 regime have agreed to contribute to. This is a much needed renovation to an area by the lake that has lived with this problem for many months.

After last month's surprise snow fall, several trees caused interesting and often, frustrating issues to our community members. Trees within the section seven playground area had to be cut and removed, as well as on Tilgman and Reidel drives and in many other areas of the community. Some of these trees were taken care of by the county, however, many were on common grounds and that ticket will be picked up by Crofton Meadows.

Crofton Meadows HOA will have some additional expenses related to replacement and repair of playground equipment, different signs around the pond and concrete damage in different areas of the community. This expense is paid by us all; every community owner will pay a percentage of all of these repairs from the dues we all pay each year. It's a simple fact that these are expenses that could be used for other, important projects going on in our community, but will be used to clean up graffiti off of storm water drains, replace signs that are thrown in the pond or replace a piece of playground equipment set on fire. It's a shame.

There are many projects that the board wants to take care of in the coming months and years. The board is trying to manage the community funds to the best of its ability by placing a small amount in reserve, and meeting the immediate needs of the community. Of course at times there are unforeseen challenges to overcome. So far, the board has been doing a good job. It does help when our community members are on time with their annual dues. Thanks for that attention.

Chris Wieland—Secretary / Treasurer

Police Beat

As Spring begins, your Crofton Meadows HOA Board of Directors has asked us to provide an update on security issues in the community. There are two of us working 16 hours per week; these hours are divided between us amongst varying days and hours to provide the greatest amount of coverage to the community.

During the last few weeks we have seen a sharp increase in thefts from automobiles. **Most of these thefts (90—95%) were from unlocked vehicles.** This increase was not limited to the Meadows, but was seen county-wide as well.

We have made some impact on juveniles loitering and milling around the neighborhoods. We are addressing this with the juveniles directly when possible. If they are not from the neighborhood and have no reason to be in the area, they are being sent on their way.

We ask that you continue to contact the police department if you notice any suspicious activity around your home. The Anne Arundel County Police **non-emergency number is 410-222-8610.** That is the number to use if you want to report suspicious activity, or a crime that had occurred earlier. If you have an ***in-progress crime*** or situation that needs immediate attention, do not hesitate to **call 911.** If you have an ongoing situation, or a nuisance, or a neighborhood issue, please contact David Jernigan at ProCom (410-721-0777) and he will get the information to us.

If you notice what you believe is drug activity, please follow the same procedures—if it is a current activity, dial **911.** If it is something that you have observed over time or that you have a suspicion about, you can either call the non-emergency number (410-222-8610) and ask to see an on-duty officer, or you can contact ProCom and they will

pass the information on to us. If you call ProCom and wish for an officer to contact you, please let ProCom know, otherwise it is a method to pass the information along and you will not be contacted. Either way, we will process all information appropriately and work toward a resolution.

There are some crimes that we typically see an increase in during the Spring and Summer. Below are some tips to help reduce your chance of becoming victim to one of them:

- **Lock your car!** 60—70% of all thefts from autos are from unlocked vehicles.
- **Keep valuables out of sight**—or better yet, out of your vehicle.
- **Watch your garage door close fully.** Keep it closed when you are at home unless you are actively working in the garage or near it. If you have lawn equipment, keep it in the garage or *lock* it in a shed.

Please remember community involvement is key to keeping our neighborhoods safe. Stay alert and do not hesitate pass any information along to the proper authority. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Spring and Summer!

Cpl. Mark Walker

Pfc. Chris Connor

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ProCom Representative: David Jernigan

check our website at www.croftonmeadows.com for community information

Ecologically Speaking... the good, the bad, the ugly

The **GOOD** is, that Spring has begun, bringing with it longer days, flowering trees, shrubs, and bulbs along with more people getting out and about.

The **BAD** is, all the tree damage from our recent snow storm and the very costly clean up.

The **UGLY** is, the graffiti, the yard waste being put into our common areas, and last but not least the algae in the lake that returns to haunt us every year.

We want to continue to improve the overall appearance of the community by replacing the trees lost from the storm, controlling the erosion around the lake, and getting rid of the algae. As to the yard waste, that could be sent to the Millersville Land Fill.

As with any project, it comes down to the time and money available. Our largest expense this year will be for some necessary dredging of the two back inlets of the lake.

We would appreciate any volunteers who would like to help in some planting of various plants for erosion control, or just in helping to keep the area clean. This could be a good project for the Scouts here in the Meadows.

How about it??? **Let us hear from you if you would like to help or with any ideas you have to improve the appearance in the community.**

George C. Barret
Secretary / Chairman– Ecological Committee

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Janene Kantorski, Editor

Crofton Meadows Home Owners' Association
Annual Meeting

April 20, 2006 7:00 p.m.
Crofton Meadows Elementary School

Guest Speaker: Ed Reilly
Greater Crofton Council, Chairman

Topics include: Crofton schools, new construction, taxes,
and general community information.

Questions will also be taken from the floor - don't miss this
opportunity to catch up on current issues, ask questions, and hear
what is happening in your community!

★★★★ Door Prizes ★★★★★ Refreshments ★★★★★

Several sets of Bowie Baysox "mini-plan" tickets will be awarded
via random drawing. Attendees and those submitting proxy
ballots are eligible for these prizes!

A proxy form is included in this newsletter, and is also posted on our
website for those who cannot attend. www.croftonmeadows.com

*If you cannot attend, please return the proxy form
so we can achieve a quorum.*